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PIRATES SET FIRE TO STEAMER.

WRECKED "HSIN CHI" BURNT OUT.

ASTONISHING DISCOVERY BY H.M.S. SERAPHIS.

WANTON ACT OF SPITE

A story of wanton destruction on the part of pirates undoubtedly lies behind a brief naval wireless message received in Hongkong this morning from H.M.S. Seraphis to the effect that the s.s. Hsin Chi has been burned by pirates, who escaped from the wrecked vessel in two junks.

The Hsin Chi, which belongs to China Merchants S.N. Co., was wrecked during the fog last Friday, going ashore at Tai Island, north of Amoy.

Men from H.M.S. Seraphis were recalled from shore leave in Hongkong on Saturday night and the destroyer sailed for the scene early on Sunday morning.

Passengers Taken Off.

In the meantime, however, the J.C.J.L. s.s. Tjitaroom had been standing by, and it is understood that this vessel took off the two hundred passengers who were on board.

H.M.S. Seraphis arrived at Tai Island at 5.30 a.m. to-day and discovered that the steamer had been burned by pirates who made good their escape in junks.

No further details are given, but it is presumed that the ship had been abandoned when the destroyer arrived. There is no indication of the full extent of the damage, but it seems apparent that the ship's career of usefulness has definitely come to an end.

What Probably Happened.

It would seem likely that the pirates lay in wait until the vessel was abandoned and then went on board to remove what loot was available, eventually setting fire to the ship in their anger at finding little to take away.

The Hsin Chi has had a varied history since she was built in 1892 by Messrs. Napier, Shanks and Bell of Glasgow. She is a vessel of 1,846 tons, 260 feet in length and 21.3 feet deep. She was first named the Hsin Chi and then took the name of Sheng Yi, later reverting to her former designation.

Previous Escape.

In recent years the vessel has been running mainly between Shanghai and Foochow, without calling at Hongkong.

Last year, she was attacked by pirates after leaving Shanghai on August 24, the freebooters forcing the crew to paint out the ship's name and to repaint the funnel in order to disguise the vessel. In Blas Bay, the pirates decamped with six cases of treasure, believed to have been worth about a million dollars, together with a case of silk and other cargo.

On being released, the vessel sailed for Foochow, but was fired on when entering the Min River from the forts, the officers of which failed to recognise the ship in her disguise. At that time the Hsin Chi had a Norwegian captain and one or two other European officers.

Chinese Gunboat Late.

Shanghai, Nov. 12.

The Dutch steamer Tjitaroom has arrived here with five first-class passengers from the wreck of the s.s. Hsin Chi. Two hundred Chinese passengers have gone to Foochow on board native craft.

Owing to the receipt of a wireless message from the s.s. Tjitaroom stating that the captain of the Hsin Chi has asked for protection against possible pillage by fishing junks, a Chinese gunboat has left Foochow for the scene of the wreck.—*Reuter.*

ARMISTICE DAY INCIDENT.

SOLDIERS DO DAMAGE IN LOCAL GARAGE.

CAR AND CYCLE SEIZED

Two soldiers, who had probably been celebrating Armistice Day unwisely, wrought considerable havoc at the Fiat Motor Garage in David House, Des Voeux Road, on Sunday afternoon.

According to a report made to the authorities by Mr. Falberbaum, manager of the garage, the two soldiers came in to hire a car, but, when none was available, they got into an Austin Seven, owned by a Mr. Abraham, of David House, and, starting the engine, backed the car out, finally crashing into the back door of the garage.

An Indian motor cycle, No. 376, owned by Mr. Borandi, which was also stored in the garage at the time, was pushed over.

The damage done to the door amounted to \$15. The Austin car suffered to the extent of \$25 and the motor cycle was also damaged, the manager giving it as his opinion that the repairs would cost \$10.

The soldiers, after doing the damage, ran away from the garage and their general behaviour, according to Mr. Falberbaum, indicated that they were under the influence of drink.

MAD SCRAMBLE FOR SHARES.

WILD SCENES ON THE NEW YORK MARKET.

ALL RECORDS BROKEN.

New York, Nov. 12.

There were exciting scenes on Wall Street to-day, when perhaps the maddest scramble for stocks in the history of any Stock Market in the world was witnessed.

Orders rolled in at the astounding rate of 1,500,000 shares an hour, breaking all previous records.

The day's sales approximated the stupendous total of \$5,000,000 (gold).

Many issues attained new records, notably the Radio Corporation's common stock, which showed a net gain of \$25 1/4 per share at \$288, after setting up a new high record at \$290.—*Reuter's American Service.*

NEW RIVER STEAMER SELF-LAUNCHED!

UNIQUE INCIDENT AT LOCAL SHIPYARD.

A curious incident, almost unique in local shipping annals, occurred on Sunday in connexion with the launching of a new river steamer, the s.s. Chuen Chow.

She is a new steamer with an old name, and had recently been completed for her owners at a Chinese shipyard.

Arrangements had been completed for an official launching ceremony on Sunday morning, the ways having been prepared and cranes set for the auspicious event.

Half an hour before the appointed time, the vessel began to move, and, gathering momentum, took the water of her own accord quite safely. The accident, if it may so be called, is simple of explanation; the weight of the steamer was too great for the brakes, which snapped and released her.

The s.s. Chuen Chow is now being prepared for service, though the date of her maiden voyage has not been announced.

MR. HOOVER'S TRIP TO SOUTH AMERICA.

TO INSPECT THE PANAMA CANAL.

New York, Nov. 12.

President-Elect Hoover sails from San Pedro, California, on the 19th instant on his visit to South America.

His first port of call will be Balboa, where he will inspect the Panama Canal.—*Reuter's American Service.*

BARON DAVIDSON OF LAMBETH.

RETIRED PRIMATE'S NEW TITLE.

PUBLIC GIFT ON GOLDEN WEDDING.

AMERICAN TRIBUTE.

London, Nov. 12.

The Most Rev. Dr. Randall Davidson, the retiring Archbishop of Canterbury, who was elevated to the peerage upon his resignation of the See of Canterbury, has taken the title of Baron Davidson of Lambeth.

Lambeth Palace is the official London residence of the Archbishops of Canterbury, and to-day at a private ceremony, the Prime Minister, Mr. Stanley Baldwin presented Lord Davidson with \$14,500 collected from at least 15,000 subscribers in response to an invitation issued in June for a tribute to the Archbishop in view of his great services to the Church and the nation.

Over £16,000 Raised.

The total amount subscribed was £16,936, of which £2,000 will be devoted to the placing of a worthy memorial in the courtyard of Lambeth Palace to mark the unique association of the Archbishop and Lady Davidson therewith. The Archbishop is retiring after 25 years at Lambeth Palace. To-day's ceremony was particularly appropriate as it marked the golden wedding anniversary of the Prelate, while it is expressly stipulated that the amount must be used to secure greater ease and comfort for himself and his wife during their remaining years. Lady Davidson is the second daughter of the late Archbishop Tait.

American Gift.

Another interesting ceremony was afterwards held, the leading figures being the Bishop of Western New York and the President of Trinity College, Hartford, U.S.A.

The American visitors presented the retiring Archbishop of Canterbury with an Address on behalf of the American Church, accompanied by a draft of \$10,000 in a gold check.

The Address is signed on behalf of the House of Bishops and the House of Clerical and Lay Deputies.—*Reuter and British Wireless.*

"WAILING WALL" OF JERUSALEM.

MOSLEM CONSTRUCTIONS RESENTED.

London, Nov. 12.

Mr. L. M. S. Amery, Colonial Secretary, was questioned in Parliament to-day regarding the erection by Moslems in Jerusalem of constructions on top of the Wailing Wall. He was asked if he would give instructions that these erections on this ancient wall should be forbidden.

Mr. Amery replied that the matter was engaging his close consideration. He proposed to take the highest official advice open to him.

Within the next few days he would lay before the House a White Paper on the subject, dealing fully with the intervention of the police, the position of the British Government in Palestine, and the steps taken to prevent similar occurrences.—*British Wireless.*

HUNGARY AND U.S. LINKED.

LONG-DISTANCE TELEPHONE SERVICE.

Buda Pest, Nov. 12.

Direct telephonic communication between Hungary and the United States has been inaugurated.

The service was initiated by a conversation between Count Bethlen and Mr. Kellogg.—*Reuter.*

THE ENGLISH CUP CONTEST.

DRAW FOR THE FIRST ROUND PROPER.

LEAGUE CLUBS NOW IN.

London, Nov. 12.

The draw for the first round of the Football Association Cup (Competition Proper) was made in London to-day, forty-three clubs of the two sections of the Third Division coming in for the first time.

Thirty-four matches are down for decision though eight replays of the Fourth Qualifying round are to be played before the list is definite.

It is interesting, however, to note that a greater proportion of the League clubs are drawn away from home, and are in opposition in twelve matches.

The second round which is to be played in December will reduce the qualified teams to seventeen for the Third Round Proper when the

B. AND S. STEAMER FIRED UPON.

Guards Reply and Inflict One Casualty.

INCIDENT ON YANGTSE.

A further outbreak of firing on British steamers is reported this morning, a naval wireless message stating that the Butterfield and Swire s.s. Kian was attacked about fifty miles above Chungking.

The armed guard which the majority of the Yangtze steamers now carry returned the fire, and one casualty was observed on shore.

The Kian is a twin screw steamer of just under 2,000 tons, being built in Shanghai 21 years ago.

There have been few cases of firing on British ships recently following Sino-British action against bandits some time ago which followed almost daily attacks on shipping.

First and Second Division clubs, together with Corinthians, Northampton and Swindon enter.

The draw resulted as follows: Spennymoor U.S. v. Hartlepool. Wrexham v. Carlisle. Wigan v. Ashington. Chesterfield v. Rochdale. Gainsborough T. v. Crewe. Shirebrook v. Ardsley Athletic or Mansfield T. Tranmere v. Rotherham. Darlington v. New Brighton. Grimsby v. Rhyll Athletic. West Stanley or Anfield Plain v. Southport.

Accrington v. South Shields. Lancaster Town v. Lincoln. Bradford C. v. Doncaster. Jarrow or York City v. Barrow. Workington or Horwich R.M.L. v. Scarborough.

Stockport v. Halifax. Gillingham v. Torquay. Salisbury C. or Yeovil and Petters' U.S. v. Plymouth.

Poole v. Bournemouth. Brentford v. Brighton. Gillingham v. Queen's Park R. Merthyr v. Kingstonians or Dulwich Hamlet.

Norwich v. Chatham. Walsall v. Worcester City. Leyton v. Watford. Newport v. Woking.

Bristol Rovers v. Wellington Town. Peterboro. and Fletton v. Charlton. Crystal Pal. v. Kettering. Sittingbourne v. Southall.

Northfleet v. Walthamstow Avenue or Ilford. Exeter City v. Clapton or Barking Town.

Covey v. Fulham. Luton v. Southend. Matches to be played on November 24.—*Reuter.*

STAFFORDS FOR SHANGHAI.

London, Nov. 12.

The 2nd Battalion of the South Staffordshire Regiment embarks at Southampton to-morrow for Shanghai.—*Reuter.*

Shanghai, Nov. 13.

The 2nd Battalion of the Welch Regiment left by the troopship Somersetshire for Singapore.—*Reuter.*

CHIANG TO HAVE OWN ARMY?

GERMAN COLONEL'S CONTRACT.

ARTILLERY EXPERT LEAVES FOR CHINESE.

IDEA DISAPPROVED.

Peking, Oct. 30.

That Marshal Chiang Kai-shek is trying to build up an organisation entirely independent of the Nationalist Government is the conclusion drawn here from the verified announcement that Colonel Max Bauer, German artillery expert, started for China on October 29.

Colonel Bauer, it has been learned, has a personal contract with Marshal Chiang Kai-shek, and not with the Nationalist Government. A few days before he sailed, he gave an interview in Germany stating that he had not accepted a position with the Chinese Government. But it has been since learned that he does have a personal contract with General Chiang.

German Civilian Advisers.

Although reports from Shanghai have stated that several former German officers already are at work in Nanking, German officials here formally deny this report. They declare that no Germans have yet arrived in Nanking, and that none will arrive for some time.

It is admitted, however, that at least five German civilian experts have been employed to act as advisers in Nanking, chiefly in connexion with reconstruction projects.

The fact that Colonel Bauer has been employed personally by General Chiang is regarded here as evidence that the Nanking warlord intends to build up a personal organisation similar to that constructed by several Viceroyates under the Manchus, and later by Yuan Shih-kai, under the Republic. These men employed foreign experts on their personal staffs, quite independent of the Government of China at the time. These men were responsible only to the war-lords who employed them, and not to the Government.

Feeling in German Circles.

Germans here, official and otherwise, are emphatically opposed to Germans taking any employment under the Government at Nanking or elsewhere. They declare that the German position in China is very uncertain, because of surrender of extraterritorial rights, and that German adventurers who work for various factions are likely to cause international complications very inimical to German interests as a whole.

The view is held that German military men especially should be restrained from participating in Chinese affairs, as it is only logical to suppose that they are helping China to build up an effective army against Japan, and that Germany has every reason to endeavour to keep Japan's friendship.

Sick of War.

One prominent German here, a former officer in the army, explained: "We Germans are trying to discourage our reputation for military skill. The German Republic is sick of war, and of military affairs in general. We do not want a strong military power in our own country, and we do not want to help any other country to build up a strong military organisation. But our Government cannot prevent individual Germans from making contracts with individual war-lords in China. Individual Britons and Japanese have acted in the manner in the past, without the support of their governments. It can be safely stated that the present contracts have been made entirely without encouragement from the German Government."—*United Press.*

JAPANESE NAVAL REVIEW.

Shanghai, Nov. 13.

Admiral Sir Reginald Tyrwhitt has left for Yokohama on board H.M.S. Kent to attend a Japanese naval review.—*Reuter.*

JUNK DISASTER IN WEST RIVER.

OVER A HUNDRED CHINESE DROWNED.

CAPSIZED IN SCRAMBLE.

Canton, Nov. 12.

Over a hundred Chinese were killed or drowned in a terrible disaster on the West River yesterday, when a big cargo and passenger junk foundered at the mouth of the Samshui River.

The tragedy was of a type not uncommon on China's waterways. The junk, already overloaded, carrying about 100 passengers and a big consignment of live pigs, the latter being housed in the upper part of the craft tending to make her top-heavy, was towed safely from Doshing, on the West River, to Mahau.

The junk is obliged to stop at this small port for the purpose of receiving Customs officers.

Waiting her arrival, in addition, were ten sampans loaded with passengers desiring to make the trip down river. A mad scramble occurred, all the sampans being rushed to the junk at the same time, while the would-be passengers tried to pull themselves on board.

The junk took a sudden list and capsized. The majority of the sampans were smashed, and passengers killed. All were precipitated into the water. It is estimated that over a hundred of the persons on board were drowned.

BRITISH TRADE RETURNS.

HIGHEST MONTHLY TOTALS FOR THE YEAR.

TEN MONTHS' EXPORTS

London, Nov. 12.

The Board of Trade returns for October record the highest monthly totals for the year, both in exports and imports.

The exports amounted in value to £24,312,000, and the imports to £102,645,000.

Compared with October of last year, the exports show an increase of slightly over £3,000,000, which is largely accounted for by increased deliveries abroad of vehicles, including locomotives, ships and aircraft.

For the first ten months of the year, the exports were of a value of £239,000,000, showing an increase of £19,000,000 compared with the same period last year, and an increase of £50,000,000 compared with the first ten months of 1926.

The imports for the first ten months of this year were of a value of £938,000,000, being a decrease of £18,000,000 compared with the same period last year.—*British Wireless.*

"ANKING" PIRACY SEQUEL.

CHINESE AGAIN APPEARS IN COURT.

The Chinese who is charged with piracy and kidnapping on the s.s. Anking on September 26, whilst the vessel was on a voyage from Singapore to Swatow, was brought before Mr. R. E. Lindell again this morning, and, on the application of Acting Detective Inspector Lane, was remanded for a week.

Inspector Lane informed his Worship that on the 22nd and 23rd of this month, two ships will be in, on which will be two former officers of the Anking. These men would be able to appear in Court on the afternoon of the 23rd, and the police would be able to get on with the case from that stage.

ETNA ERUPTION

FIVE THOUSAND PEOPLE HOMELESS.

Rome, Nov. 12.

It is stated that 5,000 have been rendered homeless, 700 houses have been destroyed and 2,500 acres of land submerged so far as the result of the Etna eruption. The Government has allotted a million lire for the relief of refugees.

Many of the stricken districts are appealing to Signor Mussolini to visit the afflicted region to restore morale.—*Reuter.*

BIG BRITISH LINER IN DISASTER.

FEARS FOR SAFETY OF SHIP AND CREW.

PASSENGERS IN LIFEBOATS OFF U. S. COAST.

S.O.S. SIGNALS CEASE.

Alarming news from New York indicating that a big British mail and passenger liner has foundered in the Atlantic off the American coast, and that the lives of over three hundred persons are in jeopardy, is contained in Router telegrams received this morning.

The vessel concerned is the s.s. Vestris, a big steamer of over 10,000 tons, belonging to the Liverpool, Brazil and River Plate Steam Navigation Company, which plies between South and North America and Liverpool.

339 Persons on Board.

She was carrying, it is stated, a hundred and twenty-nine passengers and officers and crew to the number of 210, and was on her way from the Barbadoes to New York.

Wireless messages were sent out last night notifying that the vessel had encountered severe weather and had sprung a leak.

No serious apprehension was at first felt, but according to Router, later messages from the ship stated that the Vestris was approximately 800 miles from the Hampton Roads.

Slowly Sinking.

The pumps were unable to cope with the rush of water and the liner was reported by her master to be slowly sinking. Hope had been given up that the vessel could make safe harbour, and it was stated two hundred of the passengers and crew had taken to the lifeboats.

Another message was received stating that a Japanese cargo steamer had arrived on the scene and was standing by.

The American authorities on learning the plight of the distressed steamer immediately rushed four coastguard destroyers and six patrol boats to the scene.

No Sign of Ship.

Exactly what has happened to the doomed ship it is at present impossible to ascertain. A wireless message has since been received from the s.s. Porto Rico, which raced to the position indicated by the S.O.S. signals of the Vestris, stating that contrary to earlier intimations there is no sign of a Japanese steamer standing by, nor is there any sign of the distressed steamer.

The coastguard destroyers are now anxiously searching the waters in the vicinity. The Vestris is a steamer 495 feet long built in 1912 for her owners, for whom Messrs. Lamport and Holt are managers.

At the time of the mishap, she was carrying 1,000 bags of mail.

Grave Fears.

Later.

Only by the now silent wireless signals can the fate of the s.s. Vestris be visualised.

The whereabouts of her lifeboats which were set afloat in the midst of a fierce storm, and must now be tossed by angry seas, are unknown.

The first S.O.S. message was received from the doomed ship at ten o'clock in the morning.

An alarming signal was received two hours later stating that her starboard deck was awash. At 1.30 p.m. the master decided in view of the imminent danger of her sinking, to abandon ship.

Disaster Mystery.

The steady flow of distress signals gradually weakened and then there was silence.

The cause of the disaster is a mystery. It is possible, say Router, that the recent terrific storms in the Atlantic shifted her cargo. The messages spoke of "lying on our beam ends," "leaking badly."

Already three ships which raced to the spot last indicated, one of which used searchlights, report no trace of the ship or her boats. An American battleship is among the other rescuers which are going at full speed to the scene.

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LOCAL ARMISTICE DINNER.

TRIBUTES TO SERVICES AND MERCANTILE MARINE.

MR. SOUTHERN SPEAKS

There was a large and distinguished gathering at Volunteer Headquarters last night on the occasion of the Armistice Day dinner held in connexion with the Ex-Active Service Men's Association.

A number of popular war songs, which were lustily sung, were accompanied by the Band of the 2nd Battalion K.O.S.B., under the direction of Mr. W. H. Fitz Earle, A.R.C.M. In addition a concert given by members was much enjoyed.

Captain T. T. Laurensen, D.S.C., presided, having on his right His Excellency, the Officer Administering the Government, the Hon. Mr. W. T. Southern, with Capt. A. J. L. Whyte, A.D.C. Others present were Commodore J. L. Pearson, His Excellency Major General C. C. Luard C.B., C.M.G., with Lieut. R. Q. F. Johnston, A.D.C., Sir Henry Gollan, the Hon. Mr. E. R. Hallifax, the Hon. Mr. H. T. Cressy, Lieut. Col. H. C. Ponsbury, D.S.O., Lieut. Col. L. G. Bird, D.S.O., Squadron Leader C.E.H.C. Macpherson, Capt. A. L. Snagge, R.N., Commander J. B. Newill, D.S.O., R.N., Capt. F. Bayliss, Lieut. Col. G. K. Hall Bruton, Dr. W. J. E. Mackenzie, M.C., Mr. H. J. Pearce, M.C., Mr. D. H. Blake, the Dean, Rev. Alfred Swann, Mr. N. V. A. Croucher, Mr. E. L. Edwards, Mr. J. W. Franks, Mr. S. T. Butlin and Mr. A. Sommerfeld.

After the Loyal Toast had been honoured, Dr. Mackenzie proposed "The Silent Toast" when the Revellie and the Last Post were sounded.

The Services.

In proposing the toast to the Services, Mr. D. H. Blake said it was just ten years since the Armistice was declared, and it was interesting to think back upon the mortality of people in 1919 as against the present time. In 1919 most men were considering what job they would get in the next year, and nearly everybody was saying that they would go on the staff (laughter). If not in the Navy where they could carry their beds about with them (laughter).

Now, however, when men got together they did not talk about the next war or the last war, but conversed more on the lighter side.

Armistice Day was an occasion when they remembered once more that they were in the Services. In Hongkong one had a unique opportunity of keeping in touch with the Services.

After referring to the local troubles regarding the moving of members when they became really useful, Mr. Blake referred to the impending departure of Major General Luard and Commodore Pearson. It was a great shame, he added, that they were going, and it was a pity their services could not be extended.

Commodore's Reply.

Replying on behalf of the Navy, Commodore Pearson said they could be proud of having seen the war to a successful conclusion. The former spirit of hatred gradually gave place to an atmosphere more of peace and consideration. That changed attitude was also the object of the Association and they were playing a great part in its achievement.

It was impossible to say that war was not a power for good. That the salvage work following the war had been well undertaken there could be no doubt. The political world was undoubtedly more stable and less inflammable than it was 15 years ago. Forces were working for the reduction of armaments, many warships had been disposed of. The force remaining for the protection of the Empire must be as efficient as it was possible to

make it in order that it might fulfil its duties of policing the seas throughout the world.

The desire to put money to more productive uses was in every way reasonable, but the policy of Empire such as the British Empire must be defensive, and until war was ruled as being not only undesirable but impossible, British armaments would continue to act towards peace and security. (Applause.)

As he was shortly going away, the speaker said he would take the opportunity of saying goodbye to them all.

General Luard.

Major General Luard, who replied on behalf of the Army, said they were proud to think that the Association was still being maintained with such success. It was still going strong after ten years, and he hoped that it would continue to go strong. Their successors were working hard in peace to maintain the fine example the ex-service men had set during the war.

Other young soldiers had come along, and the ex-service men in Hongkong had had an opportunity of meeting them. As one of the old "school," continued General Luard, he had at times been quite certain that the Army was not what it was in the old days. (Laughter). He was quite ready, however, to admit that he was wrong. Physically the new soldiers were up to pre-war standard, and educationally they were better.

The Dean, speaking at the Armistice service at the Cathedral, had said that war brought out few good traits in their characters, one of which was comradeship. It was such institutions as the Association that enabled them to maintain that spirit, and the speaker congratulated them on sustaining it as well as they had done.

Squadron Leader Macpherson made an amusing speech in replying for the Air Force, in the course of which he referred to the unity which at present existed between the Air Force and the Naval Air Service after the previous "grousings" when the two were separate arms, and compared that with the spirit of unity as existing in the Association, a spirit which he commended.

The Mercantile Marine.

Captain Frank Bayliss, replying on behalf of the Mercantile Marine, said:

Your Excellency, Mr. President, Gentlemen,—I have been asked to respond to the toast of the British Mercantile Marine.

Why this honour should have been thrust upon me I do not know because I am not by any means a public speaker and I am sure there are others who could do it much better than myself. The gift of speech making is unfortunately, or perhaps I should say fortunately, not given to us all. However, what is the British Mercantile Marine and what does it stand for?

From the time of our earliest history the British Merchant Seaman has always been in the front ranks both in Peace and in War, and it is the same to-day.

In recognition of the part which the Merchant Seamen took in the recent world war the Prince of Wales has become the Master of the Merchant Navy and the Fishing Fleets, and in a recent speech His Royal Highness made the following remarks:

"It has been said that of the Elizabethan fleet which met so triumphantly the 'Invincible' of the Spanish Armada two-thirds were merchant vessels."

Sir Richard Burton Chadwick, M.P., in a speech before the Honourable Company of Master Mariners on 29th October, 1925, said:

"The Navy, the Army, and the Air Force we honour, and upon them we depend. But we must remember that neither the Navy, nor the Army, nor the Air Force, nor the people of this Island Country can move hand or foot either in Peace or War, without the contin-

uous operation of the British Merchant Service. That cannot be said with truth of any other service or of any other unit that I can think of in the world."

When Sir Burton Chadwick made those remarks he knew and realised what he was saying. The son of one of Liverpool's oldest and well known ship-owners whose fine sailing vessels called the seas in the early seventies and eighties he was trained for the Merchant Service on the School-ship Conway, served his apprenticeship and went through the "same routine" as many of us have done, obtaining the Board of Trade Certificate as Extra Master and left the sea to enter his Father's office and finally became the head of the old established firm of Messrs. Joseph Chadwick and Son. He has by practical experience learnt the Merchant Service from A to Z, and has all hearts had the welfare of its men at heart especially of late years and since his entry into Parliament.

Famous Members.

The late Major Sir H. Gould-Adams, G.C.M.G., Governor of Queensland, Commodore Sir Arthur Rostrom, K.B.E., R.N.R., (A.D.C. to the King), Capt. Sir Ed. Readman, O.M.G., D.S.O., Director Indian Marine, Commodore H. J. Haddock, C.B., R.N.R., (A.D.C. to the King), Commodore W. Marshall, C.B., R.N.R., (A.D.C. to the King), Brig-General R. Hughes, C.B., C.M.G., D.S.O., R.N.R. (Director Nigerian Marine).

These and many others I could mention commenced their careers in the Merchant Service, have done good work for their Country, and made names for themselves which prove that the British Mercantile Marine is second to none. It behoves the Governments of all parts of the British Empire to keep the Merchant Service up to its fullest strength by every branch of its service in every part of the British Empire, and I would like to take this opportunity of urging the Government of this little island of Hongkong, which is the "Home" for many of us at present, to do their utmost to further this service. The only two institutions in this colony which provide for the Merchant Service are the Sailors' Home at West Point, commonly called "the old Stone Frigate," and the Seamen's Institute.

The Sailors' Home is the oldest in the Colony and was built by public subscriptions in 1864 and is self-supporting. The building, like an old ship, is now obsolete and has served its day.

The Seamen's Institute provides for both the Merchant Service and the Royal Navy and does very good work, but the place is too small and inadequate for such a large shipping centre as Hongkong, and will very soon be practically condemned to a back street.

There is now a scheme to amalgamate the two institutions and build one large good "Home" in a better locality suitable to meet the present and future requirements of this Port, and I would urge your Excellency and the gentlemen interested in this scheme, together with the general public, to do everything possible to further this scheme as soon as possible.

In conclusion I would repeat the words of the American Ambassador, Mr. J. W. Davis, given in a speech on 25th February, 1927, when he said: "I deem it no exaggeration to say that in War or in Peace the British Mercantile Marine has rendered more service to more men of more nations than any other human agency" (Applause).

The toast to the Visitors was proposed by Mr. E. L. Edwards, the reply being made by Sir Henry Gollan (Chief Justice).

Mr. Southern's Speech.

The Officer Administering the Government said:

Your Excellency, Mr. President, and Gentlemen,—I have been asked to propose what is perhaps the most important toast of the evening—the continued prosperity of the Ex-Active Service Men's Association, and I am highly honoured that this privilege

should have been conferred on me. Judging by the information I have gathered this is the Seventh Annual Dinner held on or in connexion with Armistice Day, and it coincides this year with the Tenth Anniversary of Armistice Day. Now Armistice is supposed to be a lucky number in the West, and ten is, I am told, a lucky number in China, so we have a fortunate combination of good omens which I trust augurs well for the future prosperity of Enigma. Your Association deserves to prosper, for though it must, in the course of a generation or two, cease to exist for want of members qualified to join, yet while it exists it has for its object the greatest of all three cardinal virtues, that virtue which blesses him who gives as well as him who receives. In the proud words of your President, The Association exists to help ex-active service men who fought in the Great War, should they by chance have met with misfortune, and no man who needed help and was one of those, has appealed to this Association in vain. Proud words, I say, which do honour to your Association.

Now there are many bodies which exist for the purpose of helping those of their members who have met with misfortune, but without some special tie it is difficult to keep enthusiasm alive. You have one of the greatest of modern ties—the comradeship of the Great War, one of those few benefits of war referred to so eloquently by the Dean in his Armistice Day address yesterday—one of those few items to place on the credit side against the overwhelming charges which weigh down the debit side of the war account and it is the earnest hope of all your friends that the spirit of comradeship born of the war will long sustain your Association in its efforts for the alleviation of human suffering.

Congratulations.

I notice from your report that you still have a debit balance in your accounts, but I am glad to see that the loss is much less than in the previous year, and that too in spite of largely decreased sales at the bar. I congratulate your officers on the success which seems to be attending their efforts to reduce expenditure within the compass of your income, and I view your reduced takings at the bar with complacency, for they represent that side of your activity which I feel least constrained to encourage. I notice with real regret your restricted social activities, and I hope it will not be long before you are able to regain facilities for that most popular of all amusements in Hongkong, sea bathing, and so to restore to its proper place the social side of your activities.

I sympathise with you in the loss of your late President, Lieut. Colonel F. Hayley Bell, of whose keenness on your behalf we have all had many proofs, and I congratulate you on having elected in his place Captain T. T. Laurensen, D.S.C., an officer with a distinguished career, who, as we all know and none better than the Government, never lets the grass grow under his feet when there is something to be done for those whose interests are in his care.

I notice one absentee to-day—your late Secretary, Mr. R. J. Hunt. His services for the Association have been invaluable, and it was with great regret that I found him an inmate of the Government Civil Hospital when I was visiting that institution the other day. I know I am speaking for you all when I wish him a speedy recovery to health.

Gentlemen, as someone once remarked, the longer I live the more I am convinced that good dinners and long speeches do not agree. We have had the good dinner and I do not want to spoil it for you by the length of my speech, so I ask you to rise and drink to the Toast of Prosperity to the Ex-Active Service Men's Association.

The toast was enthusiastically honoured.

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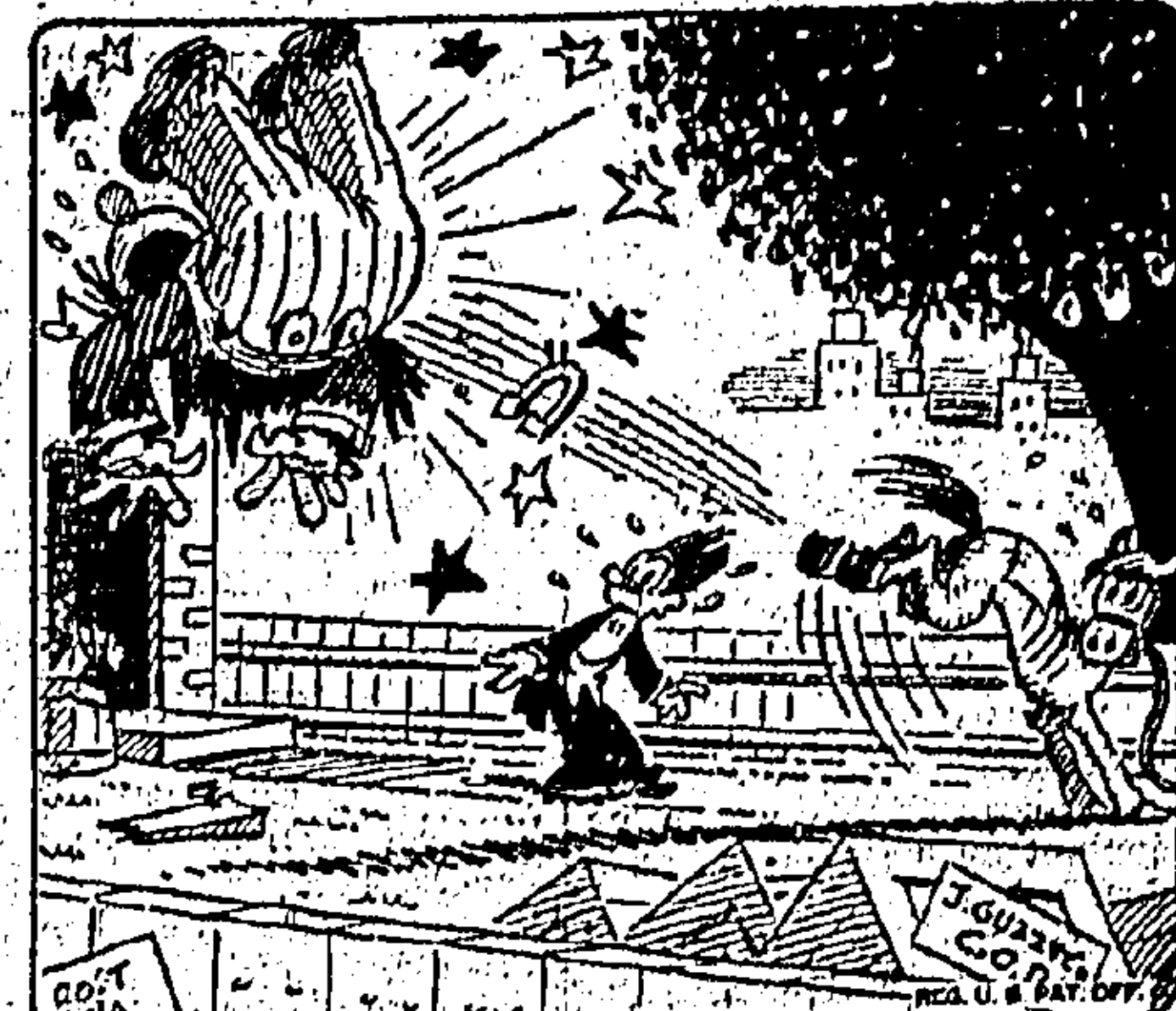
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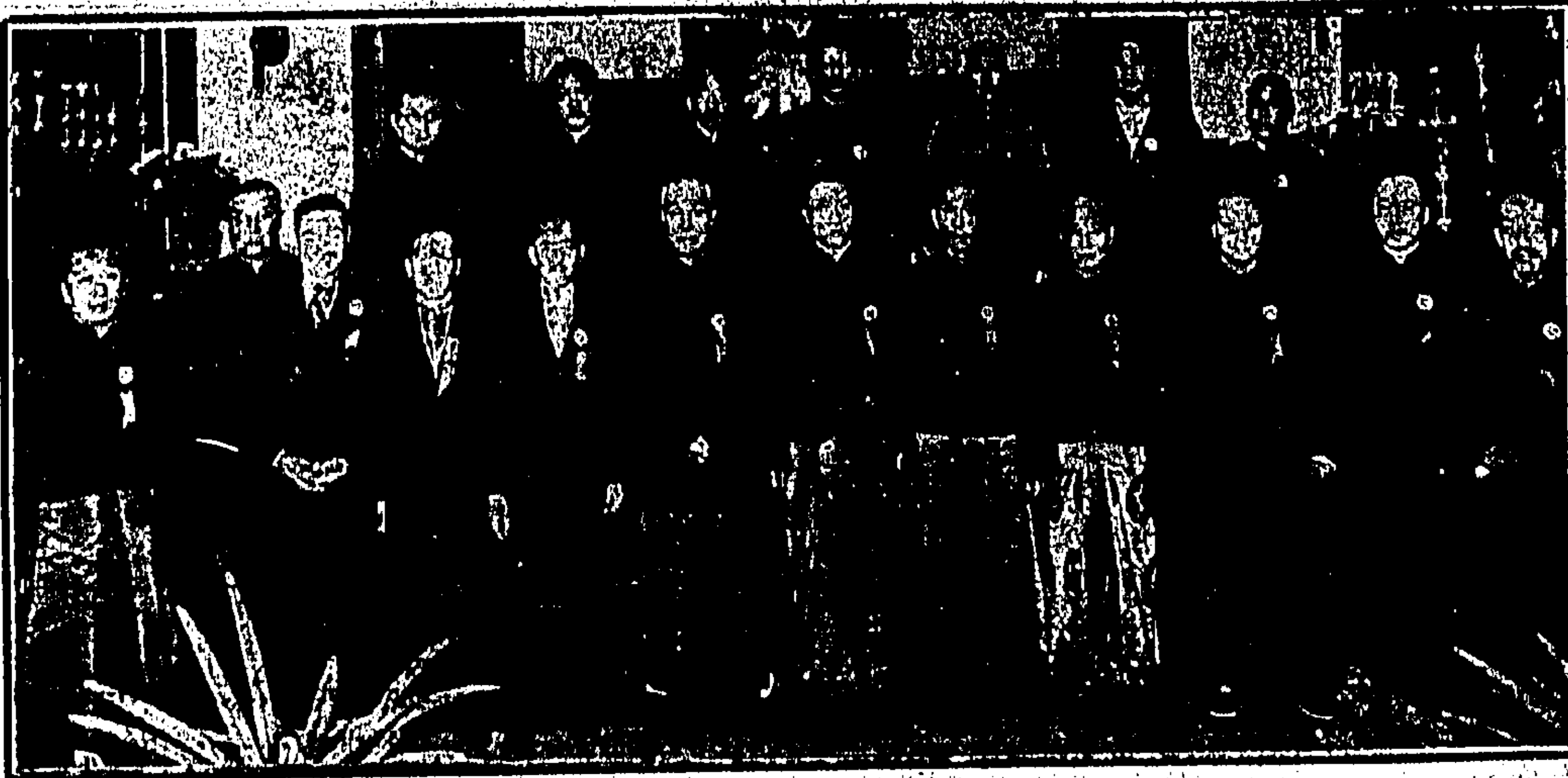


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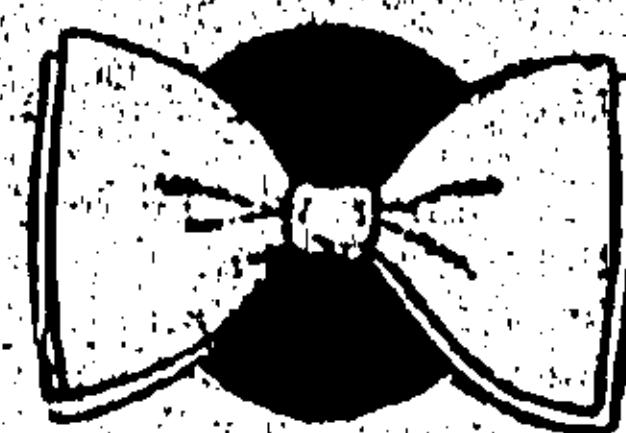
By: Small



Last week Mr. T. V. Soong, Governor of the new Central Bank of China, formally opened the new Bank in Shanghai and early in the morning when the leading Chinese bankers and merchants were present, he made a lengthy statement regarding the future of the new institution. General Chiang Kai-shek was present. The picture above shows the representative gathering of Chinese. At noon Mr. T. V. Soong held a reception for the Diplomatic and Consular Corps, the foreign bankers and merchants, and General Chiang Kai-shek was again present, and the guests were introduced to him by Mr. Yu Yeh-ching.



Distinguished foreign visitors to the Shanghai Church Congress in the procession of clergy at Cheltenham: Dr. Valdemar Amundsen, of Denmark, and Dr. Dolsemann, of Berlin. (Times copyright.)



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One of the strangest agricultural exhibits ever seen was displayed the other day at the Los Angeles County Fair, Pomona, Calif. Miss Elena May Pago is shown here with Jackie, 8-months-old African lion. Lion-farming has become a recognized industry in southern California, to meet the demand from circuses, zoos and the movies.



Emilio Portes Gil is the new provisional president of Mexico, taking the place of the assassinated Obregon. Here is the "first family" of Mexico, Gil and his wife and baby.



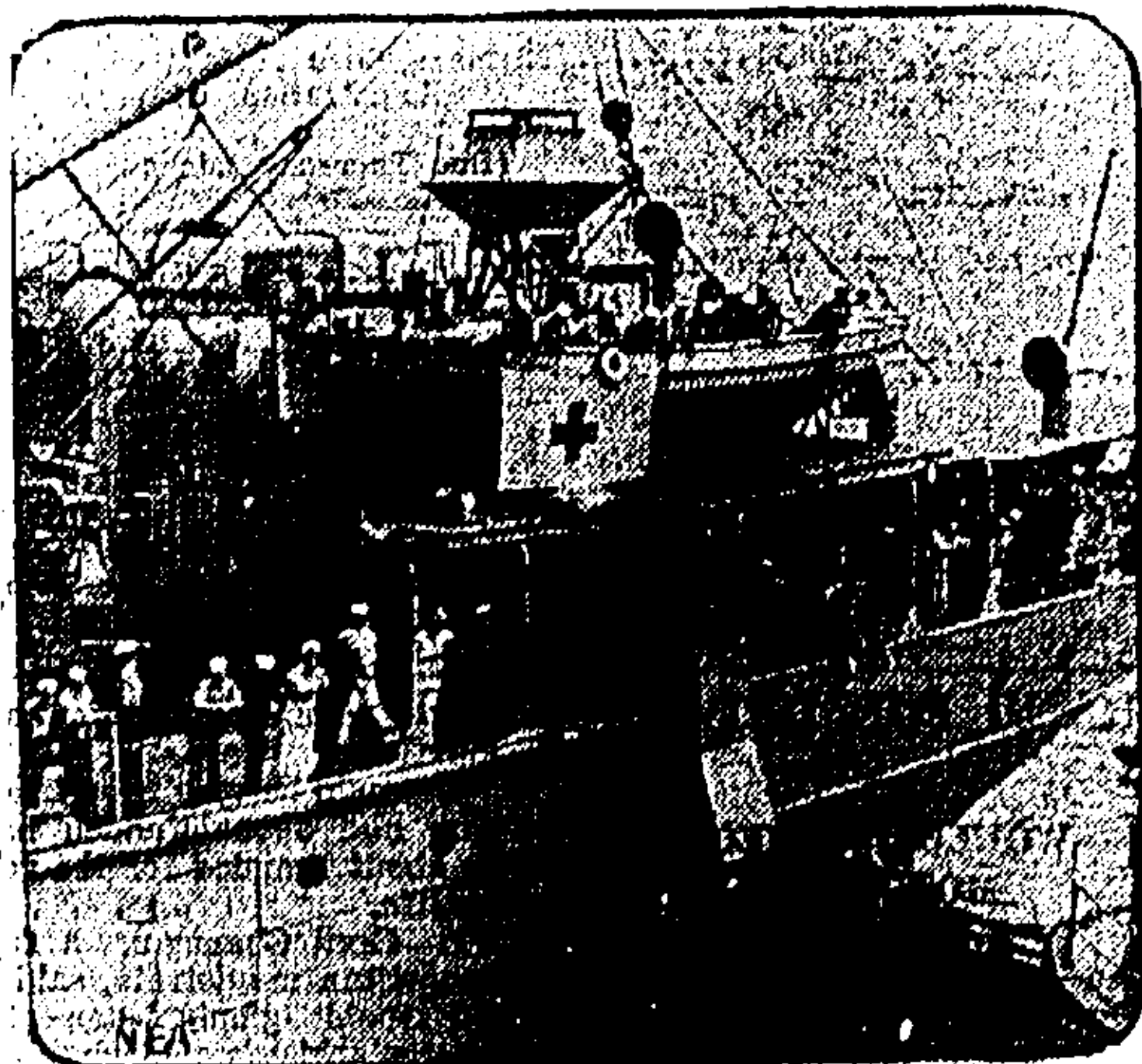
Walter Owens, assistant superintendent of the Provincial police of British Columbia (top), who took a leading part in the search and capture of Gordon Stuart Northcott suspected of murdering four boys on a ranch near Riverside Calif. Below is Frank Lyons, criminal lawyer of Vancouver, B. C., who has been retained to defend Northcott in the extradition proceedings. Northcott it is said, asked Lyons to get permission to defend him in California if the extradition proceedings go against him.



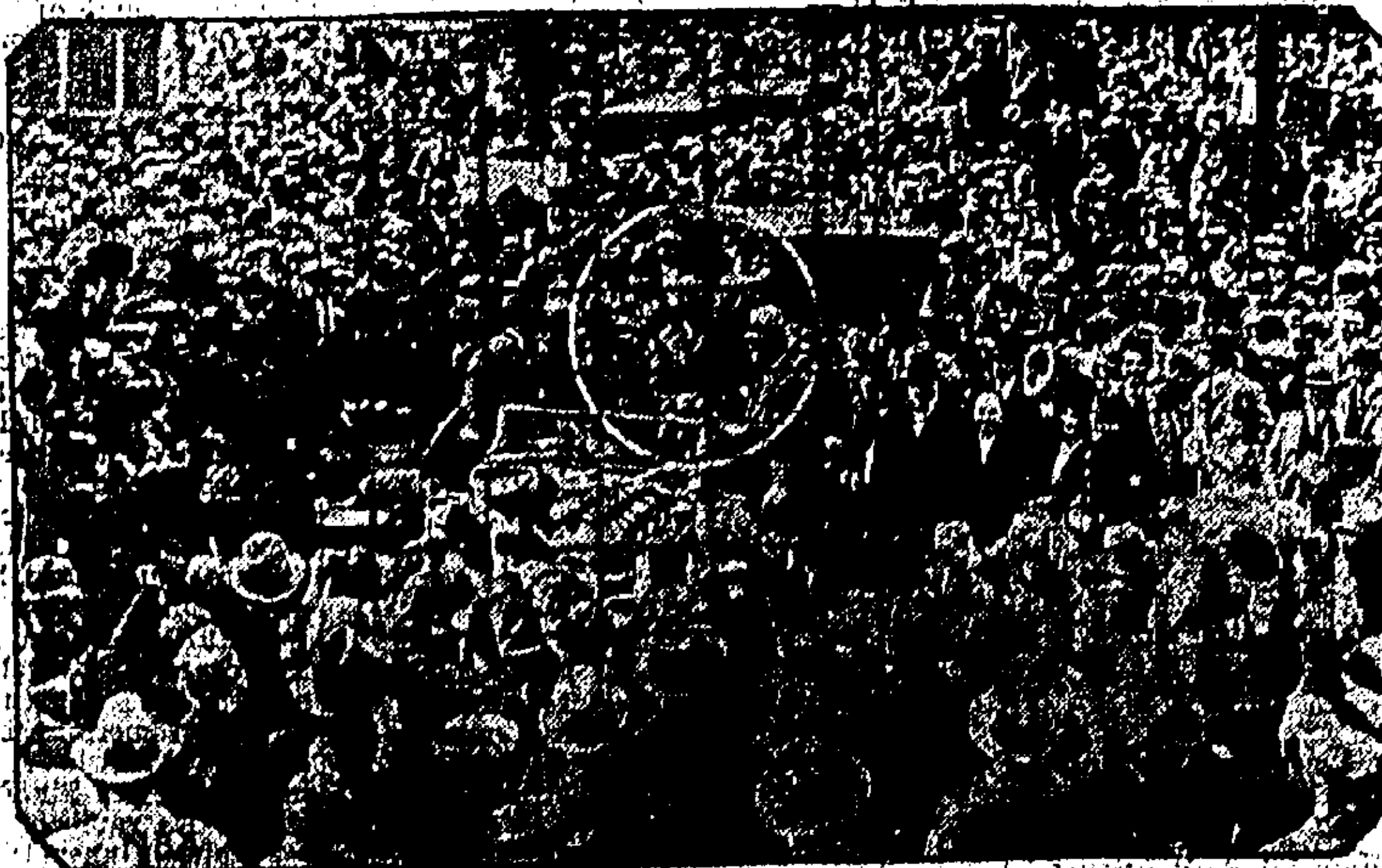
This dog, "Boots," won first prize in the annual mongrel dog show at Lancaster, Penn., in which his young master, Frederick Darud (shown here with him), entered him. Boots' ancestry is a bit mixed; he is part chow, part dachshund, part St. Bernard and part Great Dane. And he was bought as a fox-terrier.



Crowds that were unable to get into the building stood outside the high school in Lonoke, Ark., when Senator Joseph T. Robinson, Democratic candidate for vice president, delivered his homecoming speech. Robinson is shown as he spoke to the audience in the high school, rain preventing the outdoor programme that had been planned.



Bound for devastated Porto Rico with emergency supplies for thousands of homeless, hungry and sick, the U. S. transport bridge here is shown as it left New York harbour. One of the Red Cross flags it carries is visible in the centre of the picture. Ten days' food for 100,000 persons, clothing for 5,000, and typhoid anti-toxin were packed in the holds of the ship.



Wild enthusiasm met Governor Al Smith upon his return to New York after his western speaking tour. Here is shown his reception in Rochester, where the Democratic forces that four times have carried him to victory as Governor were assembled for the State Convention. The presidential nominee, shown in the circle, was surrounded by cheering thousands as he left his train.

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The Grey-stoke Castle left New York for her voyage round the world on April 2. She called at 23 ports, and covered a distance of 29,000 miles. Her total steaming time was 87 days, five hours.

The motor ship brought to New York in a special tank amidships 1075 tons of liquid cargo. This consisted of 700 tons of coconut oil from the Philippines and 375 tons of wood oil from Hankow. The rest of the cargo totalled 5,000 tons of rubber, sugar, tin, gum and other Far Eastern products.

The Grey-stoke Castle is managed by Messrs. Chamber & Co. of Liverpool, where she is registered. She was built by Messrs. Cammell Laird & Co., Birkenhead, and her engines were constructed by the North Eastern Marine Engineering Co., Wallsend-on-Tyne.

Dodwell & Co. Ltd. are the local agents for Chambers & Co., and the line is known as the Dodwell-Castle Line.

SHARE PRICES.

TO-DAY'S QUOTATIONS.

The following is the list of local share quotations issued to-day:

Banks.

Hongkong Bank, \$1330 s.
Chartered Bank, \$22 b.
Mercantile A. & C., \$34 s.
P. and O., \$91 s.
East Asia, \$77 s.

Insurance.

Canton Ins., \$675 n.
Union Ins., \$363 s.
North China, Ins., \$160 b.
Yangtze Ins., \$30 n.
China Underwriters, \$275 s.
China Fire, \$275 b.
H. K. Fire Ins., \$300 s.

Shipping.

Douglas, \$33 s.
H. K. Steamboats, \$26 s.
H. K. Tugs, \$160 n.
Indo-China, (Def.), \$72 s.
Shell Trans., \$118/- b.
Union Waterboats, \$23 s.

Mining.

Benguets, \$230 b.
Kallans, 71/- b.
Langkats, \$11 n.
Shai Exploration, \$12.80 b.
Raub, \$4.25 n.
Tronoh, 17/6 n.

Docks, etc.

Kowloon Wharves, \$138 s.
Whampoa Docks, \$37 n.
China Providents, \$5.25 sa.
Hongkows, \$156 n.
New Engineering, \$15 s.
Shanghai Docks, \$105 b.

Cottons.

Ewo Cottons, \$12.15 b.
Oriental, \$2.30 b.
Shai Cottons, \$1.61 (old) b.

Lands, Hotels, etc.

H. and S. Hotels, \$9.05 s.
H. K. Lands, \$67 n.
Shai Lands, \$138 b.
Humphreys, \$15.55 sa.
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Public Utilities.

Tramways, \$21.50 s.
Peak Trams, (old) \$13 b.
Star Ferries, \$67 s.
China Lights, (Old), \$13.40 n.
H. K. Electric, \$52 s.
Macao Electric, \$26 s.
Telephones, \$5.65 X. Rights n.
China Buses, \$11 b.
Singapore Traction, 12/- n.

Industrials.

China Sugars, \$1 n.
Malabons, \$22 b.
Canton Icos, \$3.50 s.
Cements (Comb.), \$9.80 n.
Ropes (Old), \$7.60 n.
United Asbestos, \$5 n.

Stores &c.

Dairy Farms, \$23.25 s.
Watsons, \$14 s.
Der A. Wing, 70 b.
Lane Crawfords, \$3.05 n.
Mackintosh, \$20 n.
Sinceros, \$9.50 b.
Wm. Powells, \$3.65 b.

Miscellaneous.

Amusements, \$23 s.
Constructions, \$1.50 b.
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Par won't make itself on to-day's SELF MADE letter golf hole, but you should have little difficulty in disposing of it in six.

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2—You can change only one letter at a time.

3—You must have a complete word, of common usage, for each jump. Slang words and abbreviations don't count.

4—The order of letters cannot be changed.

One solution is printed on another page.

HOW WOMEN BROKE WORLD POOL.

CIGARETTE HABIT CAUSES COCOA SLUMP.

Women's varying tastes and changing fashions, which have already shattered the fortunes of the woollen-trade and set up artificial silk millionaires in its stead, have now brought about a crisis in the world cocoa and chocolate trade. The crisis will not only be felt in Britain, America, and on the Continent, but in hundreds of native villages on the Gold Coast and elsewhere.

The Evening Standard states that as a result of the heavy decrease in the demand for chocolates and the narrow margin of profit, the powerful British cocoa pool, which for some years has dominated the cocoa situation through its control of the major portion of supplies from the Gold Coast, the world's largest producer, has now been broken up.

"The root of the whole situation is the fact that women are now buying more cigarettes and less chocolates," an authority in the trade said. "The big gift trade in chocolates has also been hit very badly. The young man who wants to stand well in the eyes of a girl no longer orders an enormous box of chocolates for her, but buys her gift cabinets of cigarettes instead. This may at first sight seem a small thing for a world-wide industry, but nearly the entire cocoa industry depends upon the chocolate trade."

Along with the growth of cigarette-smoking among women, there is the fashion for slim figures, which has stopped even those who do not smoke from eating chocolates. Another factor which has hit the cocoa trade to some extent is that cheaper substitutes are being made for cocoa butter, formerly one of the most valuable by-products of the industry. As a result of all this, the cocoa trade, which was once exceedingly prosperous, is now faced with a period of difficulty. Only a change in feminine taste, which does not seem likely at present, could set it right.

Heavy Slump in Prices.

Reports of the impending break-up of the British cocoa pool created a sensation on the New York Cocoa Exchange, where prices slumped heavily.

The cocoa pool was formed in 1925 and was headed by the gigantic African and Eastern Trading Corporation, which has an issued capital of \$7,366,000 and controls altogether 40 other companies trading in Africa. Another powerful member of the pool was the Niger Company, which has a paid-up capital of \$4,750,000, and controls 25 other companies. The Niger Company is in its turn controlled by Lever Bros.

The margin of profit in the trade has now become so small that it is no longer profitable for the pool to hold large stocks. The money tied up in stocks could be more profitably invested elsewhere, and the pool has decided, therefore, to discontinue operations.

Large stocks are held at present, and it is probable that a considerable proportion of these will be released on the market and will depress prices still further. The lower cocoa prices should operate to bring about a substantial reduction in the price of chocolates.

MOON SLOWS DOWN.

SIR F. DYSON AND ITS CHANGING TIME.

Sir Frank Dyson, the Astronomer Royal, addressing the British Horological Institute, Northampton-square, E.C., on "Astronomical Measurements of Time," told of errors in the rotation-time of earth and moon.

It would seem, he said, that the real cause of the difference between the timekeeping of the moon and the earth was that the day was slowly lengthening or that our standard timekeeper was gradually going slower.

In 1900 the day was one-sixteenth-hundredth of a second or thereabouts longer than it was in 1800. Results summarized by Professor de Sitter went to show that about 1630 the moon was thirty seconds slow on astronomical time. Between then and 1918 it made up arrears, went ahead, lost again, and gained once more.

In 1918 it started to lose again. The changes about 1900 and 1918 seemed to be very sudden.

"Did something happen inside the earth which caused this?" asked Sir Frank, "and so altered its rate of spin, or is it something unexplained in the motion of the moon?"

"I don't despair of a good enough clock to check the differences astronomers find in the celestial timekeepers. The problem is a most important and attractive one, and depends for its solution on the continued co-operation of astronomers and horologists."

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Hoi, Pakhol and Haiphong Tean Fri, Nov. 16, 10.30 a.m.
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Important investigations, which have for their object the determination of a standard of quality for platinum made up into jewelry, are being carried out in Birmingham. This month an international conference will be held, at which the subject will be discussed and an interim report on the research work may be presented.

It has been the practice in America and on the Continent, and to a smaller extent in England to add alloys, but there has not been any uniformity in the percentages. In America very substantial amounts are introduced, and on the Continent anything up to 10 per cent, whereas in England, generally speaking, a ½ per cent, or little more, has been the rule.

A London wholesale jeweller told a Home reporter recently:

Platinum is very popular, especially for engagement and wedding rings, but the public has no protection against unscrupulous dealers. Articles made of white gold have been bought under the impression that they were made of platinum. Even experts would have difficulty in some cases in telling the difference.

There must be thousands of women wearing rings and other articles which they mistakenly believe contain platinum.



Pictured is Miss Marjorie Manning, a very dainty actress starring in a present Broadway production.

Modern Clothes.

MAY BE SCANTY, BUT ARE
HYGIENIC.

[By a Harley-st. Woman Doctor.]
After reading the interesting article, "Fifty Years' Change in Dress," in a recent *Daily Mail*, the question arises, "Do children wear enough?" The answer is that, judging by their sturdiness and activity, their scanty attire seems to be an asset to their well-being.

A baby is dressed in one complete garment of wool from neck to feet, together with a woolly cap and woolly boots to protect his little toes. Little girls usually wear a garment of soft wool of the combination order; next comes a bulky gathered dress, to which serge knickers with detachable linings are buttoned; finally, a woollen dress or a kilted skirt and jersey complete their indoor attire.

Trussed-Up Babies.

What a difference from the bolstered-up babies and coddled children of forty years ago! When we recall the trussing-up of the children of past days in many undergarments all surmounted by a bulky gathered dress, mothers and children may rejoice. Think of the release from the weight of all these needless attachments which hampered their every movement, making them weary and listless with the burden of clothing they had to carry!

Apart from this, the cotton garments were far from hygienic. The cotton or linen garment soon

becomes clammy and lies like a cold poultice against the skin, chilling it and engendering all manner of internal disturbances.

Coddling Brings Bad Health.

This coddling and over-dressing of half a century ago was responsible for the many chest complaints that are found among middle-aged people. They tell the tale that they have suffered in this way "since childhood." Over-coddling prevents the necessary evaporation that must take place between the skin and the external air, if health is to be maintained. Wool is worn next the skin to retain the heat of the body, not to keep the cold out.

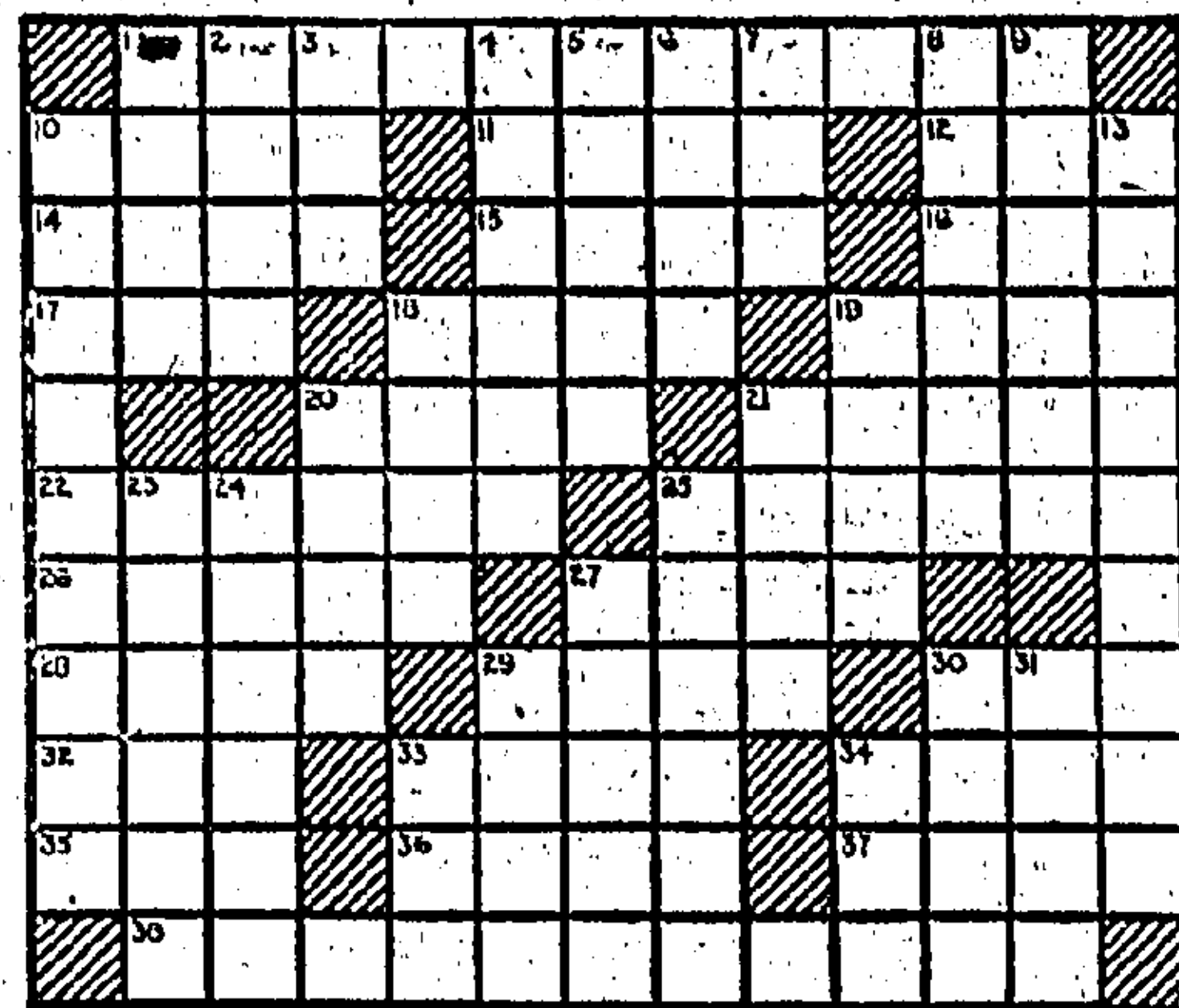
Too many garments tend towards making a child delicate. They make the skin sensitive, and at the least exposure to a change in temperature a chill supervenes.

"Pictures of Health."

Children are free to hop, skip, and jump as they desire. Unhampered by weight and free from restricting garments, the circulation is good, the lungs work properly, oxidation is perfect, and "pictures of health" meet our eyes on all sides. Even baby, released from his innumerable trappings of former days, can indulge in a kicking display to his heart's content. These gesticulatory movements are his exercise.

The pursuit of health towards beauty is the order of the day for child and mother. Present attire may be scanty but it is hygienic. Since it meets the demands of modern life, that is all that matters.

OUR CROSSWORD PUZZLE.



Horizontal

- 1 Boqueted beforehand.
- 10 To line as a boat.
- 11 For covering what did John L. McAdam invent a material, which material still bears his name?
- 12 Vigour.
- 14 Verbal.
- 15 Felted.
- 16 Farewell!
- 17 Nothing.
- 18 Who is the faithful wife of "Geraint" in Tennyson's "Idylls of the King"?
- 19 Entrance.
- 20 Inspired reverential fear.
- 21 Who is the goddess of peace in the "Classical Mythos"?
- 22 What large, old, silver coin is still legal tender at three marks in Germany?
- 25 Worshipped.
- 26 Kind of coarse files.
- 27 Soared.
- 28 Misfortunes.
- 29 Mafurra tree.
- 30 Viscous fluid.
- 32 Cry of a dove.
- 33 Short-billed rail.
- 34 Melody.
- 35 A violent pull.
- 37 Pattern.
- 38 Established or fixed.

Vertical

- 1 Fairy.
- 2 Small coin.
- 3 Measure of cloth.
- 4 Mangle.
- 5 What is the name of a figure.

of three dimensional

- 6 Requital.
- 7 Opposite of even.
- 8 One who eludes.
- 9 Godlike.
- 10 To squeeze.
- 11 What is the name of a measure of energy which lifts the weight of one gram through a distance of one meter?
- 12 Female sheep (pl.).
- 13 In line.
- 14 In what mountain range is Mont Blanc?
- 15 Thought.
- 16 Resembling salt.
- 17 Aslant.
- 18 Soda ash.
- 19 Tribunal.
- 20 To bellow.
- 21 To jog.
- 22 In ancient Irish tribal society what was a person called in any rank above a common freeman?
- 23 Feminine pronoun.
- 24 Collection of facts.

Yesterday's Solution.

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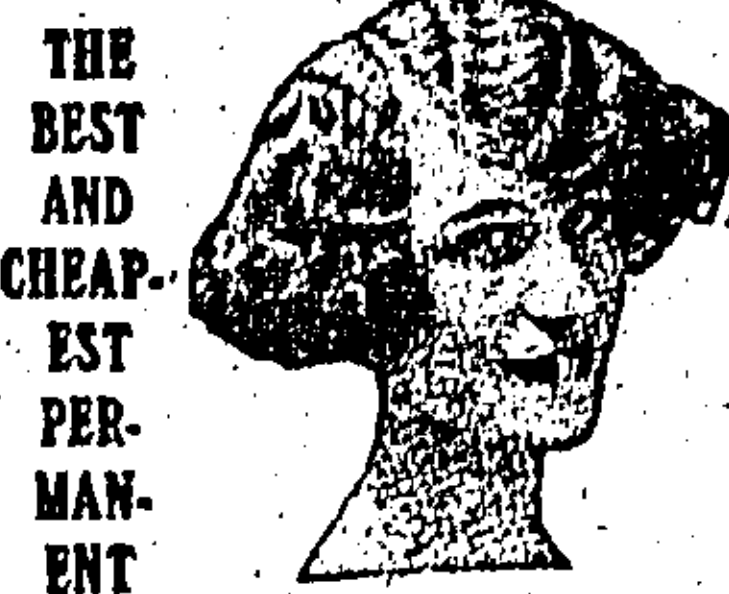
London, Nov. 12.
The Board of Trade returns for October show that imports were £102,645,000 and exports £64,812,000 being increases of £14,938,000 and £7,692,000, respectively, compared with September.—Reuter.

OBITUARY.

MANAGER OF THE JAVA
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Cincinnati, Nov. 12.
The death has occurred of M. Charles Van Persyn, manager of

the Java Bank of Menado, engaged on a world tour.—Reuter's American Service.



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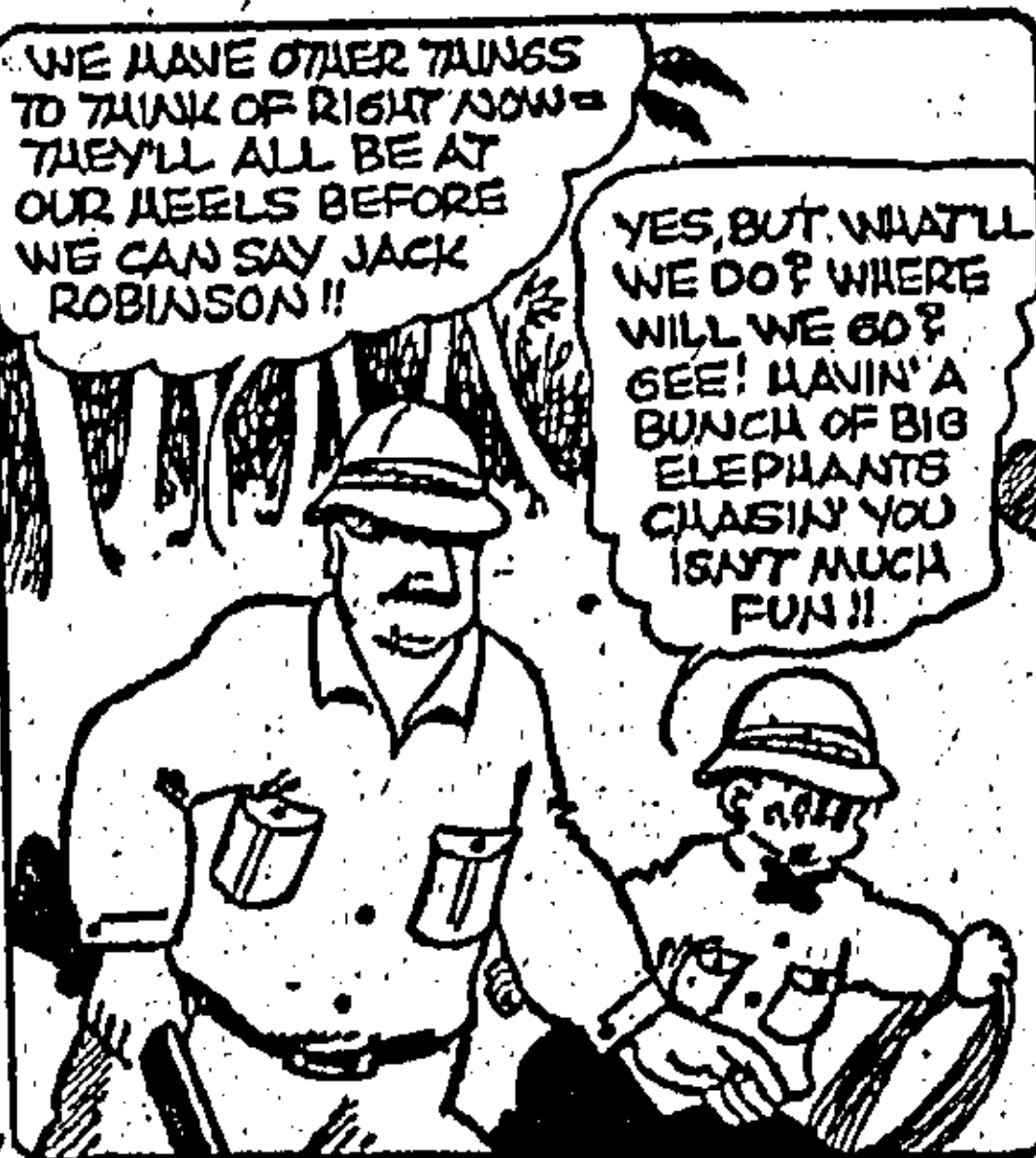
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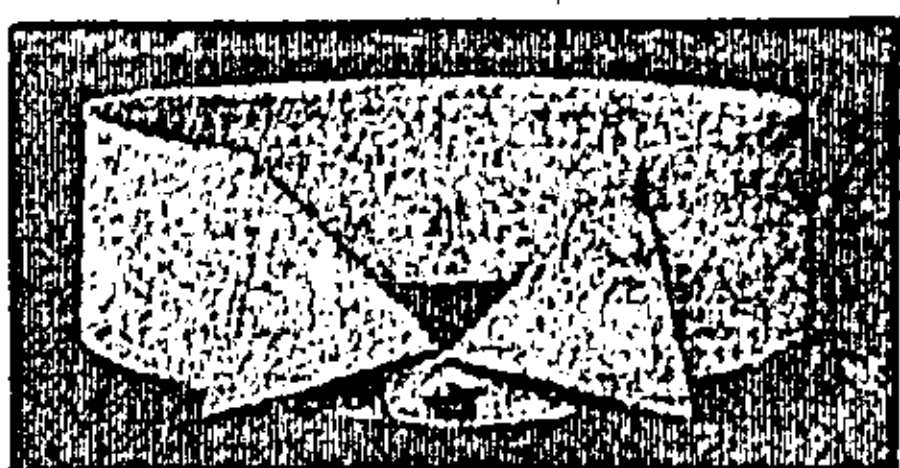
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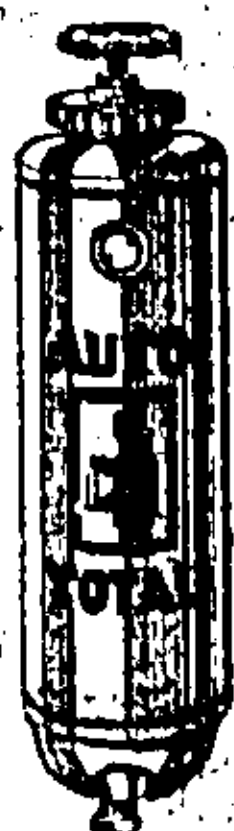
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MARRIAGE.

SIMMONS—CALLUM.—In London on October 2nd, 1928, at St. James', Muswell Hill by the Rev. M. O. Blakelock, William Frederick Simmons, of Hongkong, to Winifred Callum, Muswell Hill, London.

The Hongkong Telegraph.

TUESDAY, NOV. 13, 1928.

FRENCH PROBLEMS.

With so many big questions pending, it is gratifying to note that M. Poincaré has at length succeeded in forming a Cabinet, and well-wishers of France will entertain the hope that the new Government will enjoy a long lease of life in order that pressing problems may be given due attention. There has been no greater servant of France than M. Poincaré, whose wise influence in international affairs has been commended by statesmen in all parts of the world. France can ill afford at this juncture to do without the services of such a man, and the fact that he has accepted office without portfolio, in order that he may be free to deal with such an important matter as the revision of the Dawes plan, may be taken as an indication of his intention to concentrate on the really big issues which are outstanding at the moment. Regarding the reparations problem, much of the ground has been cleared as a result of the recent conversations between Mr. Winston Churchill and the French, Belgian, German, Italian and Japanese Governments, which have disclosed the fact that there is no disagreement in principle between the six Governments, although at the moment Germany is not inclined to accept the British viewpoint. However, it is to be presumed that eventual agreement will be reached as the result of further exchange of opinion.

Some little time before the French Cabinet crisis, M. Poincaré intimated in a speech that the near future would witness important steps by France in regard to problems arising out of the war. In this connexion, it has been suggested that the French Chamber will soon be asked to ratify the Mellon-Berenger and the Caillaux-Churchill war debt agreements. One of the reports dealing with this matter made mention of a growing belief in France that the United States would refuse to aid in floating the German bonds necessary to the

suggested reparations revision unless the debt agreements are ratified. This, if so, would exact pressure upon France's financial policy in the near future. It is further pointed out that France is now regularly meeting its war debt payments to the United States and to Britain, and that ratification is therefore quite a logical step. An additional argument in favour of ratification is that France must pay four hundred million gold dollars next August, with interest at five per cent, for American Army stock left in France after the war, unless the U.S. agreement is ratified, in which case the amount will be included in the general debt, with interest at three per cent.

In view of President Coolidge's latest observations on the consequences of the war, and of the reports gaining currency that France will soon ratify the Mellon-Berenger agreement, it is interesting to note what this particular agreement implies. It was negotiated in 1926 for the funding of the French debt to the United States, but has not yet been finally confirmed. The settlement fixed the debt at \$4,025,000,000, to be paid over a period of 62 years. Including interest, the United States, over the entire period, is to receive no less a sum than \$6,847,674,104.17.

Not Helpful.

One cannot resist the conclusion that President Coolidge's speech on Armistice Day will be interpreted in Europe as being unnecessarily provocative of argument. It was fitting that he should expatiate on America's great contribution to the war-time effort that made the first victorious Armistice possible, and none will begrudge the justifiable pride of Americans in recalling the spirit of sacrifice which animated their countrymen at that time. The world has long since acknowledged war-time facts, and we should not have thought it necessary for the President of the United States of America to assure his fellow-citizens that they need not be apologetic for not having done their duty in defence of world liberty. That duty was more than merely performed. But we question Mr. Coolidge's wisdom in animadverting so decisively on the controversial matter of naval strengths. It would have been better, in the interests of the disarmament which he and other Americans profess a desire to accomplish, to have steered clear of that subject on such a day, unless his references to it could have been confined to an expression of hope that some way out of the present differences of opinion would speedily be found. We believe that Lord Cushendun put the essence of the problem in a nutshell when he said that agreement could only come by way of compromise, and there is something peculiarly inappropriate and almost antagonistic in President Coolidge's references on Armistice Day to the unsuccessful Anglo-French attempt to compose different outlooks. He characterised that attempt as coming near to the virtual abandonment of the principle of limitation (a description which will be stoutly challenged by the two Powers concerned) and went on to stress the United States' claim that it was entitled to more warships than any other country, in view of its long coastline and extensive commerce. Contemplated British legislation, he said, would give Britain 68 cruisers to America's 40, but it is open to a Britisher to reply that many leading American statesmen are behind the Big Navy Party in America which has drawn up a colossal construction programme which dwarfs anything on the other side of the Atlantic. We do not wish to enter here into the controversy which President Coolidge's speech will be almost certain to provoke, only desiring to express our regret that he should have chosen the tenth anniversary of "the world's greatest peace day" to allude (rather tactlessly) to a highly controversial matter, the furtherance of the solution of which needs a wholly different spirit to that which he manifested.

Among the passengers leaving to-day on the President McKinley are Mr. H. A. Schochen, President of the American Ginseng Co., on a business trip to Shanghai; Mr. W. R. Farmer, Manager of the Victoria Hotel in Shamcen, Canton, travelling to Shanghai; Dr. Korff, a partner of Messrs. Melchers and Co., local agents for the N. D. L., on a business trip to Shanghai; Dr. P. Ten Bruggencate, a scientist from Batavia, Java, returning to the Netherlands on furlough.

DAY BY DAY.

"ALL TRUTH IS SAFE AND NOTHING ELSE IS SAFE; AND HE WHO KEEPS BACK THE TRUTH, OR WITHHOLDS IT FROM MEN, FROM MOTIVES OF EXPEDIENCY, IS EITHER A COWARD OR A CRIMINAL, OR BOTH."—*Max Muller.*

The P. and O. s.s. Moren, from Hongkong, arrived at Marseilles on 9th November at 7.30 a.m.

The Empress of Russia, which left Hongkong on the 24th October, arrived at Vancouver on the 10th inst.

The s.s. Chung On has come out of dock and is berthed at her wharf. She will shortly resume service on the West River run.

This morning's Harbour Office reports gave 16 arrivals and 11 departures, with British eight and three under the respective headings.

The Empress of Canada is due here on the 21st inst. and will berth at Pier No. 5, Kowloon Wharf. She will sail for Manila on 21st November at 5 p.m.

The transport Somersetshire, with the 2nd Battalion of the Welch Regiment on board, is due to arrive here on Thursday. The Welch Regiment will go on to Singapore.

H.M.S. Foxglove arrived in Hongkong yesterday, when the Hermes and Seraph left for exercises. H.M.S. Stormcloud arrived at Chingking from Shanghai on the same day.

The s.s. Kiangsu arriving from Bangkok and Swatow, with 21 Asiatic deck passengers, reports the death of a man who committed suicide by drowning. The body was not recovered.

The death has occurred in Penang of Mr. J. G. Allan, after a long illness. Mr. Allan, who was an engineer, surveyor, and contractor, was one of the oldest Europeans in Penang, and was a prominent Freemason.

Twelve sets of iron pulleys and chain, valued at \$300, and four conical shovels valued at \$20, are reported to have been stolen from the s.s. Parli between Sunday and yesterday, according to a report made to the authorities by Mr. W. V. Robson, the ship's chief engineer.

When hearing a charge of cruelty to a duck in Main Street, Kowloon City, Mr. E. I. Wynne-Jones, at the Kowloon Magistracy this morning, asked the constable if the duck appeared to object to the treatment. The constable replied that it did, and his Worship imposed a fine of \$2.

A Chinese who was deported for life in March last, was sentenced to twelve months' hard labour by Mr. E. I. Wynne-Jones, at the Kowloon Magistracy this morning. It was stated that the defendant had once before been sentenced for violation of the Banishment Ordinance.

Mr. E. I. Wynne-Jones assumed the post of Kowloon Magistrate this morning when he relieved Mr. W. Schofield, who sails for Home on leave to-day. It is understood that Mr. Wynne-Jones will act until the return from leave of Mr. E. W. Hamilton, who will then occupy the bench at Kowloon.

Two Singapore residents had an alarming experience last week when motoring to Seletar. Mrs. Muller, was driving a Roper Sedan, accompanied by Mrs. Rupert, and they were about eight miles from Singapore when they suddenly noticed a smol of burning. They immediately stopped the car and got out just in time, for the car burst into flames and within an hour was completely gutted.

At the Marine Court this morning before commr. J.B. Newill, D.S.O., R.N., four persons in charge of trading junks were charged with mooring inshore during the dark hours, and pleading guilty, were each fined \$10. Two masters of trading junks, charged with mooring their craft in the Southern Railway, thereby causing obstruction, failed to appear and the bail of \$10 in each case was exonerated.

Dr. David Yui, the National General Secretary of the Y.M.C.A., will be the speaker at a special membership meeting of the Young Women's Christian Association to-morrow, at 8 p.m. at 127 Caine Road. This meeting is the main feature of the local programme for the World's Week of Prayer which is observed annually by the National Christian Associations in more than forty countries. Since Dr. Yui will speak in English, friends as well as members of the Association are cordially invited to attend.

THE POLICE RESERVE.

ORDERS FOR THE CURRENT WEEK.

Hongkong Police Reserve Orders by the Hon. Mr. E. D. C. Wolfe, C.M.G., Captain Superintendent of Police, state:

Police Training School.

Classes for Police Reservists as usual on Tuesday, November 13th and 20th at 6.00 p.m.

All those who have recently passed Part 2 will attend at the Police Training School on Tuesday, November 13th and 20th at 5.30 p.m. sharp for instruction in the handling of Revolver.

Squad Drill, etc.

All recruits of the Chinese Company (with those of other units) will attend at Central for Squad Drill, etc. on Thursday, November 15th, at 6.30 p.m. under Sergeant P. Condon. Dress—Muffi.

M. C. L. Fete.

All Police Reservists who are assisting at the M. C. L. Fete in Lee Gardens on Saturday, November 17th will wear White Uniform, Cap with white cover, and Belt; no arms will be necessary.

Chinese Company.

Strength.—Constables R33 Pang Hok Ling and R37 Lam Ping have been taken on the strength of the

About Hong Kong

Do you know that—

Hillier Street is named after Mr. Charles Batten Hillier, who was Magistrate and Coroner here in 1843? He was later promoted Consul to Sim. When he left Hongkong it was recorded that the Colony had "lost, if not the brightest, certainly one of the most honest, conscientious and straightforward of its servants."

Kimberley Road, Kowloon, is named after Earl Kimberley, who was Secretary of State for the Colonies in 1870? Knutsford Terrace is named after Earl Knutsford, who was Secretary of State for the Colonies in 1888?

Chinese Company as from November 6th.

Training.—Constables R70 Frank S. Y. Wong and R86 Ho Lam have passed their examination in Part 2 of Training Course (knowledge of Police duties and regulations).

Signalling Squad.—Class for instruction in signalling under Mr. R. C. Wilson will be held at the Company's Headquarters on Thursday, November 15th at 6.45 p.m. and Monday, November 19th at 6.00 p.m.

There will be no parade for Extended Order and Baton Drill on Thursday, November 15th.

Indian Company.

Strength.—Constable R226 Ghulam Rasul has been taken on the strength of the Indian Company as from November 7th.

Parade.—All ranks of the Indian Company will parade at Police Headquarters on Tuesday, November 20th for drill under Sergeant Condon. Fall in at 5.30 p.m. sharp. Dress—White Uniform, belt and cap with white cover. No member may be absent from this parade without leave from the Company Commander.

Flying Squad.

The weekly instructional patrol of the Kowloon Section will take place on Tuesday, November 13th, Fall in at the Taim-tai-tai Fire Brigade Station at 5.30 p.m. sharp. Dress—Khaki Uniform.

Sharpshooters' Company.

The following notification in the Hongkong Government Gazette is repeated for the information of all ranks:

The Hongkong Government Gazette of 9th November, 1928, Notification No. 612.

"His Excellency the Officer Administering the Government has been pleased to appoint Mr. Ernest Roadley Dovey to be Assistant Superintendent of Police (Reserve) and to be in command of the Sharpshooters' Section Police Reserve."

Revolver Practice.—Revolver practice will be carried out on Kennedy Road Range on Sunday, November 18th at 10.00 a.m. Members will assemble at the Range at that time with belts and holsters with revolvers. Uniform optional. A demonstration of the use of the Thompson Sub-machine Gun will be given at the close of the practice.

(Sgd.) D. L. KING, D.S.P. (R.)

Adjutant.

The Very Idea!

Mr. W. H. V. Bythway, a Pontypool solicitor, while rummaging in an old office desk, has found what he believes to be the formula of the manufacture of Pontypool Japan ware, which has been lost for 64 years. The process, which consists of glazed lacquer worked on tinplate, was discovered in 1660 by Thomas Allgood, an employee at the Pontypool tinplate works, and was carried on by members of the same family at Pontypool and Usk. The formula was handed down verbally from generation to generation. In 1800 the last Japan ware factory at Usk closed because of the competition of cheap imitations from Birmingham. There were reports that a written record of the process existed, but connoisseurs came to believe that the secret had died with the last member of the Allgood family, and much has been written of this "Romance of a lost art."

Not for many years has old Baxter been more than four or five miles from his native village but, having come into money, he decided to visit old friends in London and Manchester.

"Taxi, sir?" a driver bawled in his ear immediately he emerged from the London terminus.

Baxter shook his head. After seeing London he went on to Manchester. Again, as he left the station, a taxi pulled up to the curb.

"Taxi, sir?" asked the driver. "No, no!" snapped Baxter. "I said 'No' in London. Now stop following me about!"

Magistrates' Clerk: The council says you must vacate the premises—in other words you must clear out.

Tenant: I understand "clear out," but not "vacate."

Southend Constable to Motorist: I cannot understand how you failed to understand what the other driver did not fail to understand and what every other motorist should understand.

A man complained to Mr. Campion, the Old-street magistrate, that having been in trouble he could not obtain employment, as he could not compete with men with clean records.

Mr. Campion: I cannot do anything. I cannot get a bucket of whitewash and a brush.

"I have never in the whole of my career known a woman with such a filthy tongue. It is impossible to live with her. She is my second wife. I have been married to her three years and it is three years of misery," said a husband charged at Lambeth with injuring his wife.

[It has been suggested that Treasury notes should be made of fire-proof paper.]

Put a wee bit away for a dull, rainy day!

Is time-honoured, thrifty and sound.

And those prudent old ways long preceded the days

Of the flimsy, inflammable pound.

Ceaseless calls on the purse sometimes tempt us to curse

But necessity, stubborn and stern,

Prompts the thought that our

acres should be fireproof

right through.

Though we rarely have money

to burn.

Scottish members of the Empire Parliamentary Association while travelling in Canada have received so many requests for bits of heather that they propose forming a committee on their return to insure that heather from the hills and glens of old Scotland shall be transplanted in Canada.

The Goldsmiths' Company (England) existed as a voluntary association as far back as 1180, its object being to protect the trade in precious metals against fraud. The assaying and stamping of gold and silver plate was always one of the company's chief functions. Its "hall mark" on silver and gold articles set the standard of quality for the whole country.

A very mean man went into a glassware shop in search of a present for a friend. After spending some time looking at different articles and finding them all too expensive, he at last saw a vase which was broken in several places.

He inquired the price, and finding it was practically nothing, decided to send it to his friend, hoping that he would think it had been broken in transit.

Accordingly, he asked the assistant to pack and dispatch it. A few days later he received the following reply from his friend:—

"Thanks for the vase. So thoughtful of you to wrap up each piece separately!"

THOSE LETTERS.

THE ITCH TO SAY SOMETHING ABOUT NOTHING.

RED HOT PENMEN.

[By "Jingle."]

The average newspaper reader will, when his daily sheet comes in with the morning tea, turn first to that part of the journal which interests him most. That is, if he played spilikins for the Kowloon Academicals yesterday evening, he, being a friend of the reporter assigned to the job, looks for heavy black type in the headlines on the Sports Page. If, on the other hand, he is one of those unfortunate gentlemen who has been caught carrying cabbages on Sunday without a permit, the driver of a car which has had a heated argument with a lamp standard, he burns a mental jostlestick and offers a prayer to Ruler, appealing for lots and lots of news matter, that will force the record of his little peccadilloes into some spot that is usually given over to felt hats and patent roofing material.

And Then What?

Having satisfied himself that he has or has not achieved a due measure of publicity, where does he glance next? Does he sagaciously con the leading article to acquaint himself with the latest misfeasance of officialdom? Does he wish to know what Mr. Bragg will smell next? Does he show interest in the water returns, whereby he might gain the knowledge that cooties in Lanchihok consume or otherwise account for 16 gallons of aqua pura per day? No sir! He turns to the correspondence column! There he finds all that is bright and breezy, with theologians going off the deep end, shareholders asking what about it, ferry, tram, bus and motor car travellers handing out thick ears to everybody, and the film public getting hot and bothered.

In this particular newspaper area, Mr. Everyman, to borrow the all-embracing description from a notable hire-purchase furniture emporium, has his brief appearance, whether he be a spilikin champion, a confirmed grouser or somebody who wishes to shoot a Christian Scientist in the rumpy tum.

His Own Work.

The epistles from the north, south, east, west and Peak make him laugh and grow fatuous. He seizes his typewriter by the lower band, grabs his fountain pen in high humour and tells Water Pipe, Mr. X., Agnostic and Plinlimam where to get off. And so Mr. Everyman is supremely happy in watching the metaphorical knock-out being put over to correspondence sparrers and the laying low of garbled purists with a five-eighths spanner of split infinitives and a rope's end of verbal back-splashes.

The daily dozens of Sandow and "enough to cover a sixpence" are not as beneficial to him as the few hot lines which appear in Morning Post. Dressed in a brief but anonymous notoriety, so to speak, he overlooks the paper of his fellow travellers on bus, tram, and ferry to observe whether they are devouring his pre-digested aphorisms.

When he spots a winner, he swells with pride and it is hard for him to refrain from tapping the reader on the shoulder and pointing out that the screed at the bottom of the page by "Fussled Up," dealing with cough tablets and how to prevent appendicitis from wearing out, is his own mental offspring which was born without any outside aid whatsoever.

Aiming Blindly.

Of course, the possibility which dissuades him is that the said reader may be "Pugnacious" who yesterday informed a perspiring world that, in spite of Nebuchadnezzar's partiality for grape fruit on a cold and frosty morning, there was not a reliable cough drop on the market and that he personally knew many decent members of society who kept their pants up with a horseshoe nail and a plentiful trust in Providence.

It is probable, of course, that "Pugnacious" would throw "Fussled Up" into the harbour, and the Water Police would have to go in search of him with drags and grapplings. This would be a far more effective method of dealing with correspondents as between themselves, than that adopted by those who seek the Editor's aid as a sort of Whitley-Tex Rickard. Much, however, would depend on the build of the respective opponents; and that is where the correspondence columnist scores. Hiding in lexicographical underbrush and shooting his own brand of poisoned darts from the bushes of balderdash, he is always hoping

COUNCIL MEMBER ASSAULTED.

MR. J. S. ARTER OF MALAYA INJURED.

STRUCK BY TAMILS.

Kuala Lumpur, Nov. 7. Mr. J. S. Arter, an Unofficial Member of the Federal Council, and the Chairman of the Planters' Association of Malaya, was the victim of a brutal assault on Monday night.

Mr. and Mrs. Arter attended a dinner at Government House, and were motoring back to Glenmarie Estate, Batu Tiga, when they were stopped by a lorry which was blocking the road at the fifth mile. It appears that Mr. Arter got out of the car to find out what had happened, and a dispute is said to have occurred between Mr. Arter and two Tamils who were in charge of the lorry.

One of the men struck Mr. Arter on the head with the starting handle of the lorry, and Mr. Arter was badly injured. He was subsequently removed to the European Hospital, Kuala Lumpur, where he is now lying in a serious condition.

To-day the two Tamils, Manikam and Gopavallipillai were charged before Mr. T. S. Adams, the Kuala Lumpur magistrate, the first man with causing grievous hurt and the second with abetting. The hearing was postponed till Nov. 13.

At first bail was refused for the first accused, as Mr. Arter's condition was reported to be serious, but in the afternoon bail was allowed in \$1,000. The second accused was allowed bail in \$500.

Word has been received from Victoria, B. C. of the death in a motor car accident of Mrs. A.C.R. Portway, who was well known in north China and in the Yangtze Valley. Her husband (who until about two years ago was with the Salt Gabelle) and his daughter Ruth were in the car at the time of the accident but escaped with slight injuries.

to score, without knowing" what he is shooting at.

Spreading Infection.

In short, "Pugnacious" may be as "Fussled Up" as he likes and the "Fussled Up" gent may develop Pugnaciousness, but they are seldom courageous, except in penmanship, and so the fireworks go off day after day, the detonations hurting nobody, except when their self esteem is punctured rather badly on occasion, and it is pointed out p.p.39 of "Vagrant Thoughts and Sophistries" of some other equally vacuous volume, has been misquoted on the subject of "U" being the twenty-first letter of the alphabet. Evasions of fact and elaborations of fiction—this represents the unsubstantial mental gabulum served up by the scribblers of screeds, and but rarely do we find the germ of truth and reason in their most effluvia of ash-cans. But there are plenty of other germs distributed and more and more of our otherwise well-balanced citizens become infected as the days go by.

The Blue Pencil.

Then suddenly the Editor goes in search of his new germicide sprayer (Blue Pencil Brand) and lo! nothing remains. Then on ferry, bus, tram and motor car, goes up a loud wailing on the one hand and rejoicings on the other. Those who knew most about the subjects that were under discussion and had kept quiet, as is the nature of man, are the roisterers. They in turn immediately begin to look round and round for some particularly uninteresting topic of which they know nothing, to start the controversial ball rolling again.

It appears from recent notes, that a Christian Scientist has been running round without a muzzle and somebody shot him when he was four months old, so he should have been impounded, notwithstanding that he had seen a bad picture at the Queen's Theatre, which was hard lines on the public who couldn't get enough fresh water because the trams were now running to Shaikwan, in spite of advertisements on the ferried. So that's that.

Debating Societies having been responsible over many years for much pre-natal influence in the matter of the taxing of bachelors, I think I will now write to the Editor, enquiring of readers what is the "exact specific graving of hotel soup and if the cook knows his onions, or alternatively, why does a guinea pig not wag his tail? The local stationers will subsequently report a boom in the sale of self-filling fountain pens and notepaper ruled faint on both sides.

A WEEK'S TRAFFIC CASES.

WHEN A CORNER IS NOT DANGEROUS?

VACILLATING DRIVER.

Mr. S. C. Feltham, of the P.W.D. was fined \$10 for dangerous driving, by Major C. Willson at the Central Magistracy this morning. The Second Magistrate was hearing the usual list of traffic summonses.

In reply to the summons, Mr. Feltham stated that he drove along the road every day and had no recollection of any dangerous driving.

In evidence, Traffic Sergeant F. Kelly said he was driving a motorcycle combination along Lower Albert Road towards the Central Police Station on October 29 at about ten o'clock in the morning. When at the bottom of Glenaele and the top of Wyndham Street the defendant's car came round the corner in the opposite direction at a speed of about 25 miles an hour, forcing witness to pull in to the left side of the road. As the car passed, witness looked back and noted the number.

Commenting that it was rather a dangerous corner but as Mr. Feltham drove round it every day he did not notice it, his Worship imposed the fine stated above.

A Switchback.

At the instance of Mr. H.T. Brooks, Superintendent of the Fire Brigade, the driver of public motor car No. 263 was summoned for negligent driving in Des Voeux Road Central. The defendant admitted the summons.

Mr. Brooks stated that the defendant drove from one side of the road to the other and back again, near the premises of Messrs. Whiteway Laidlaw.

Sub-Inspector C. F. Alexander added that the defendant was "tussling across the road and back again."

The defendant was fined \$10.

A Race.

A race between the drivers of two public motor cars, Nos. 646 and 434 had a sequel when both drivers were summoned for dangerous driving, and his Worship recommended that the licence of No. 646 be suspended.

Traffic Sergeant George explained that the cars were racing at a speed of 45 miles an hour between Ming Yuen Gardens and Taifoo Dock at 11.45 p.m. on November 4. During the race they were overtaking each other. Sergt. George added that he was unable to overtake them.

Sub-Inspector Alexander said that the driver of No. 646 had an accident only last Saturday.

In fining each defendant \$25, his Worship strongly recommended that the licence of No. 646 be suspended.

Sir Leonard Dunning, Government Inspector of Constabulary, in evidence before the Police Commission, declared that he was in favour of extending the work of women police. He held that a policeman had no right to question a prisoner, maintaining that the Judges' rules did not admit of such an interpretation.

PLUCKY ARREST OF GUNMAN.

REVENUE OFFICER AND CIVILIAN SHOT.

SINGAPORE STRUGGLE.

A Chinese revenue officer and a Chinese civilian were shot on the 6th inst. when arresting a gunman who had just taken part in a pistol fight between secret society men in New Market Street, Singapore. Remarkable pluck was shown by two revenue officers and the civilian in tackling the gunman, who is now in custody awaiting trial.

The facts appear to be that Chinese Revenue officers 132 and 47 were on duty in the vicinity of New Market Street at one p.m. when they heard the sound of firing. They ran in the direction of the shots, which, it has since been ascertained, were fired by members of rival secret societies. Only two or three of the six or seven men on each side were armed, and, after firing several shots, the parties made off in opposite directions.

One of the gunmen, however, remained, and Revenue officer 132 saw him, the officer's attention being attracted by the fact that the man had his hand on a pistol stuck in his belt. This officer dashed up to the gunman suddenly from the rear, and threw his arms round him. The other revenue officer came up in front, but their plan of thus easily disarming the gunman was frustrated by the fierce struggle he put up.

The gunman succeeded in freeing his pistol arm, and, firing at almost pointblank range, he hit revenue officer 47 in front of him twice, once in the shoulder and once in the groin. A Chinese civilian who rushed up at this moment and tried to wrest the pistol away was also hit twice, both bullets passing through one of his wrists.

Finally the gunman was overpowered, and was taken to the Central Police Station by officer 132, while officer 47 went to the station in a ricksha, and thence to hospital.

The gunman bore obvious signs of the struggle when produced before the Fourth Police Magistrate (Mr. C. S. Findlay) on charges of attempted murder and possession of a pistol and ammunition. He was remanded for a week.

It is possible that the man who was shot through his wrist will lose his arm, but reports of officer 47 are favourable. Both bullets have yet to be extracted, but it is expected that he will make a rapid recovery.

NO SMOKING IN CHINA'S ARMY.

MARSHAL CHIANG ORDERS PUNISHMENT.

Marshal Chiang Kai-shek has issued orders prohibiting his officers and men from smoking cigarettes, according to a Kuo Wen News Agency message.

The message states that officers violating the order are to be dismissed while privates and non-commissioned officers are to be demerited.

OFFICIAL SALARIES IN F.M.S.

INCREASE VIEWED WITH "GRAVE CONCERN."

MEMBER'S CRITICISM.

Speaking on the Budget at a meeting of the Federal Council at Kuala Lumpur last week, the Hon. Mr. A. S. Bailey referred to what he termed some unfortunate features of the Budget. He referred to the warning which Sir Hugh Clifford uttered in his address last year with regard to the increasing expenditure on personal emoluments, etc., and also to the remarks on the same subject in this year's address. The Unofficial members also viewed that question with grave concern.

He did not wish it to be thought that anything he had to say was in the nature of a vote of censure on Government. There was no doubt that a spirit of extravagance overcame the Federation when money was plentiful. In the year 1924, when they were dealing with the Budget for 1925, he had occasion to refer to this subject and he was twitted by the then Chief Secretary, Sir George Maxwell, the burden of his remarks being that if they followed his advice they would be like the old lady who hid her savings in a stocking. He (the speaker) was prepared to admit that when they had money available expenditure might be on a comparatively lavish scale.

To show the enormous growth of expenditure Mr. Bailey quoted figures from 1924 to 1928. He said that the large increase which these figures showed should be viewed with very considerable misgiving. The personal emoluments had increased enormously during the last five years, and as a result of such increase there would naturally be a proportionate increase in pensions, gratuities, etc. In this young country their pensions commitments amounted to about 35-38 per cent. of their revenue, whereas in Ceylon, which was one of the oldest Colonies, where stabilisation might be considered to have been reached, it was 32.51 per cent. in 1925 and 34.02 in 1927. If the present increase continued in this country in ten years the percentage might well be 50 per cent. of the revenue. He suggested the appointment of a committee to inquire into this expenditure.

EXCHANGE RATES.

London, Nov. 12.	
Paris	124.10
New York	4.84 13/16
Brussels	84.89
Geneva	25.20
Amsterdam	12.07 1/2
Milan	22.55
Berlin	20.36
Stockholm	18.14
Copenhagen	18.19
Oslo	18.19
Vienna	34.49
Prague	103 1/2
Helsingfors	102 1/2
Madrid	80.075
Lisbon	107 1/2
Athens	87 1/2
Bucharest	805 1/2
Rio	5.69/64
Buenos Aires	47.15/52
Bombay	1/4
Shanghai	2/7 1/2
Hongkong	1/4
Yokohama	1/11 1/2
Silver (spot)	26 1/2
Silver (forward)	26 1/2 1/16

—British Wireless.

NEGRO FOR THE U. S. CONGRESS.

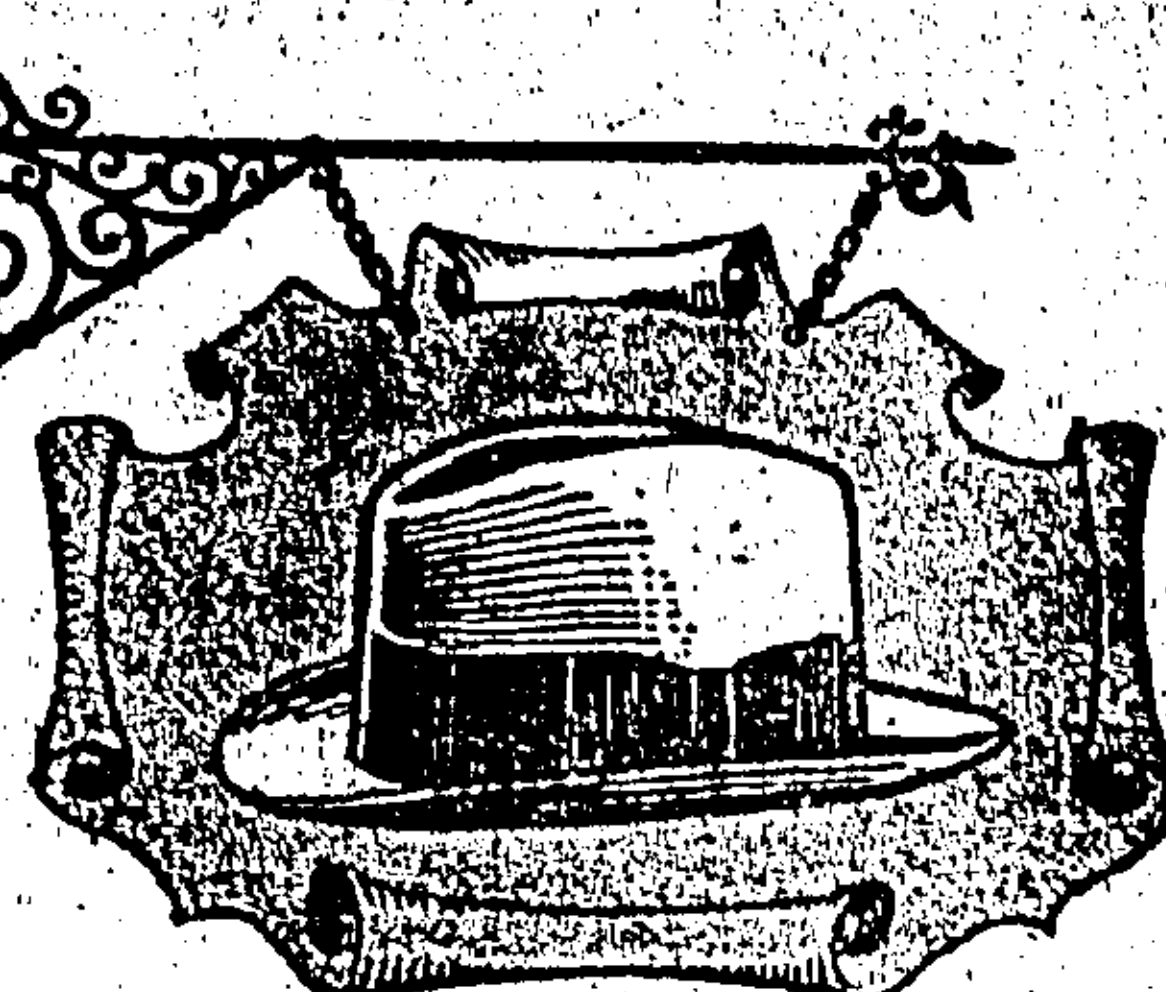
FIRST FOR QUARTER OF CENTURY.

Chicago, Nov. 7. Oscar Depriesta, negro real estate agent and former Chicago alderman, was elected to Congress in the first Illinois district in yesterday's election.

He will be the first of his race to be sent up to Washington from Illinois and will be the first to occupy a seat in the national House of Representatives in more than a quarter of a century.

Depriesta will fill the vacancy caused by the death of Mr. Martin B. Madden, chairman of the House Appropriations Committee. He represents a district which includes a large negro population.

Five persons who lost their lives when a motor-van in which they were driving overturned and caught fire at Donhead St. Mary, Wiltshire recently have been identified. They were Herbert Bailey, aged 52, of Chapeldown Farm, Woodcutts, Salisbury; his two sons, Fred, aged 18, and James, aged eight; Robert Henden, aged 47, of Thickthorne Farm, Farnham, and Albert Wort, aged 20, of Dean Woodcutts. They had been driven to Shaftesbury in Mr. Bailey's motor-van to visit the annual hospital carnival.



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GAME

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Snipe ..	.50 "
Pigeon ..	.40 "

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CHARITY FOOTBALL YESTERDAY.

UNITED SERVICES WIN KEEN MATCH.

In spite of wretched conditions, which kept the expected large crowd away, a keen and interesting game was seen on the Club ground yesterday, when a team representative of the United Services met and defeated the Rest of the Colony by two goals to one. The match was played for the benefit of the Armistice Day fund, which suffered considerably as a result of the wet weather.

The Services thoroughly deserved their success, though the Rest began in a manner which suggested that a surprise might be effected, Tso Kwai-sing breaking through in the first five minutes, giving Suen Kam-shun a comfortable scoring chance, with which he made no mistake.

Caldcutt was the Army's most dangerous raider and McGreavy and Wynne found him a rare handful. Several times his centres looked likely to be improved upon, but Clarke, who played in spite of a recent spell in hospital, brought off some remarkably fine clearances.

Just before the interval, Clarke was bowled over after saving a hot shot from Caldcutt and Stock pushed the ball into an empty net. The second half went largely in favour of the Army, though Brockman had several exciting adventures in the Services goal. Reeves scored a remarkable goal to give the Services the victory midway through the period.

Between the defences there was little to choose, both sides playing up splendidly. The Services, however, had a big advantage forward.

Lai Wah Cup Competition.

The following have been selected to play for the Civilians against the Chinese in the above competition, on the H.K.F.C. ground on Saturday, 24th instant: Clarke; Wynne and Bishop; Hedley, J. Stewart and McKelvie; T. Pile, A. Gosano, L. Goldman, Rocha and Brown.

Reserves—Xavier, McGreavy, Frazer and Sheppard.

BASKET BALL.

CHINESE Y.M.C.A. DEFEATS SACRAMENTO.

In the gymnasium of the Chinese Y.M.C.A. last night, the basket ball team of the U.S.S. Sacramento met the team of the Chinese Y.M.C.A. in a game which ended in favour of the Y.M.C.A. by 29 to 24. The line-up was:

Sacramento—Ashmead, Oksaver, Dillion, Lindemath, Nordli, Dillion and Kaler.

Chinese Y.M.C.A.—S.C. Lai, C.H. Lo, S.O. Leung, K.M. Siu, M.K. Wong, T.P. Wong, S.W. Ko, S.P. Chau and P. W. Sien.

Mr. F. Koo was the referee.

A return match will be played on Wednesday night at eight o'clock.

TAI LEE STOWAWAY CASE.

FIREMAN FINED FOR AIDING AND ABETTING.

An echo of the case which involved the calling for assistance from H.M.S. Faulkner by the s.s. Tai Lee on the West River last Thursday, when 23 suspected pirates were captured in the stowhold of that vessel, was heard this morning, at the Central Magistracy, a fireman of the vessel being charged with aiding and abetting 23 stowaways to gain passage to Kongsmoon.

The accused pleaded guilty and stated that he was to receive remuneration at the rate of \$1 per head for the travellers, but this money he had not yet received.

His Worship stated that he took a very serious view of the case, but could only fine accused the maximum, which was \$25 with the alternative of four weeks' hard labour.

It is understood that the 23 stowaways have had to be discharged, as no evidence was offered that justified their detention, and they will be shipped to Kongsmoon this evening.

WUHU MERCHANTS IN PROTEST.

RESENT INTERFERENCE BY JAPAN BOYCOTTERS.

Shanghai, Nov. 12.

A curious situation has developed at Wuhu as the result of a quarrel between the merchants and the Anti-Japanese Society. A general strike of the piece-goods dealers has been declared, following the seizure by pickets of Japanese goods consigned to Wuhu merchants.

Negotiations have taken place between the rival parties without satisfactory result. The shop folk thrown out of employment by the strike to-day organised a big demonstration, urging the authorities to prevent the interference of agitators in normal trade. The dyeing firms have also closed their premises for the same reason.

THE UNEMPLOYMENT DEBATE.

LABOUR AMENDMENT LOST BY BIG MARGIN.

London, Nov. 12.

In the House of Commons, the debate was continued on the Labour amendment to the Address in Reply to the King's Speech, an amendment which condemns the Conservative Government for not having grappled with the problem of unemployment.

The discussion to-day lacked interest, the subject having been dealt with at considerable length by Mr. J. R. Clynes, the mover of the amendment, and by Mr. Winston Churchill in reply.

The House divided, the amendment being rejected by 321 votes to 161.—*Reuter*.

AMERICAN'S DEATH IN JAPAN.

MR. F. A. EDMONSON KILLED IN ACCIDENT.

A brief message received in Shanghai on Thursday told of the accidental death in Japan of Mr. F. A. Edmonson, well-known member of the American community there, and who was on his way to the United States to join his wife and children.

The message, received by Mr. Alexander, of the Alexander Shoo Company of Shanghai, simply stated: "Brother killed in accident." The message was from Mr. George Edmondson, who is connected with the Standard Oil Company in Japan.

Mr. Edmondson had resided in Shanghai for nearly eight years and was the Far Eastern travelling representative of the firm of Johnson and Johnson, surgical supplies. He was a member of the American Club and the Columbia Club.

On October 12, Mrs. Edmondson, accompanied by their two children, sailed from America and was to have been joined later by her husband, who was leaving China.

DEMOCRATISING THE ARMY.

SUBSTANTIVE RANK FOR QUARTERMASTERS.

London, Oct. 22.

An important development in the process of the democratising of the Army which began during the War has just taken place. The branches affected are the Quarter-Masters and the Directors of Music. Amendments to the Royal Warrants direct that in future holders of both appointments are to have a substantive rank.

In other words they will be pukka Officers. In 1918 the rank was made substantive, but the fact remained that an actual Commission was really only given in respect of the position of Quarter-Master and Director of Music respectively. Under the new orders it is now possible for a Quarter-Master to rise from the ranks and to be promoted ultimately to command a battalion.

LOCAL HOCKEY.

The Hongkong Hockey Club

"A" team to meet the Punjab Regiment at King's Park on Friday at 4.45 p.m. will be R. W. Sapsed, E. R. Robinson, R. R. Todd, G. Rankin, A. C. Howell, I. W. Shevan, P. L. P. Thomas, F. E. G. Munn (captain), H. V. Parker, E. C. Fincher and T. J. Price.

The King has approved a recommendation of the Home Secretary that Mr. Arthur Morley be appointed Recorder of Richmond, Yorkshire, to succeed Mr. Walter Hedley, K.C., who has been appointed Recorder of Middlesbrough. Mr. Morley was called to the Bar (Middle Temple) in 1913.

OVER-CAPITALIZATION OF INDUSTRY.

THE PECULIAR AND ELUSIVE NATURE OF GOODWILL.

Speaking to chartered accountant students at Bristol recently, Mr. P. D. Leake, F.C.A., drew attention to the peculiar and elusive nature of purchased goodwill as an asset and referred to the over-capitalization of joint-stock industry so far as this is due to the common practice of capitalizing fixed amounts for good will in the form of irredeemable company shares.

Mr. Leake said: The over-capitalization of industry, however caused, is as mischievous in its effects as the over-staffing of industry. It is plain that the issued capital of a joint-stock company—may, and generally does, consist of two quite clearly distinguishable kinds of value, and these are easily capable of being kept distinct both in accounts and balance-sheets. The first and real kind of capital is that which actually exists, and is represented by material things, such as lands in possession, stock, growing crops, and debts over liabilities, including bank balances. The appropriate values, at any time, of all these things can be ascertained, without much room for doubt, by the aid of simple and logical accounting rules which are very well known.

The second kind of value is represented solely by rights, including business connexion, trade-marks, patents, copyrights, and all kinds of monopolies collectively known under the name of commercial goodwill. The value of all these rights—which is often enormous in amount—depends wholly upon the probability of earning, in years still to come, what are called super-profits, and here there are no accounting, or any other rules possible to help to check the sometimes wild estimates of value made by optimistic vendors and their advisers.

"No Par Value" Shares.

Issues of irredeemable company shares might with great advantage be strictly confined to the cash or working capital required, plus the amount needed for material assets which will actually exist, and which admittedly should always be maintained in appropriate values to an amount equal to the capital originally represented. This would leave the equity of each individual undertaking to be covered by shares "no par value," which should be suitably allocated between vendors and purchasers. This method is already largely adopted in Canada and the United States of America.

Until the issues of shares "no par value" is permitted their place might quite well be taken by the use of Deferred shares of merely nominal amount, such as 1s., or of even 1d. each. This plan would leave speculation in the open market in the ever-shifting present values of future prospects as free and unfettered as now, while altogether avoiding the objectionable practice of capitalizing fixed amounts for purchased goodwill, the cost of which is, by its very nature, always a wasting asset.—*Financial News*.

DESERTION OF AN OFFICER.

COURT MARTIAL STORY.

Winchester, Oct. 16.

The son of a Church of England clergyman, Lieutenant Geoffrey Elwyn Rees, of the 2nd Batt. Royal Welch Fusiliers, was charged before a General Court Martial at the Rifle Depot, Winchester, to-day on five counts with fraudulent misapplication of money and with deserting when on active service.

Rees pleaded guilty to all charges, but the judge-advocate advised the court that a plea of guilty to a charge punishable by sentence of death could not be accepted. As the other offences might be peculiarly relevant as indicating the cause for desertion, all the pleas were amended to not guilty.

Major Shapcott, for the prosecution, said Rees was messing officer to his battalion in Germany. On May 8 last a cheque for 80 marks, representing regimental money, was cashed by Rees, and that sum had not been accounted for.

Rees absented himself without leave, and the civil police arrested him on August 9 at Aldershot, where he was masquerading as Lieut. R. P. O. Poole, of the Royal Warwickshire Regiment, stationed at Woking.

Rees was found guilty on all counts. A solicitor said that Rees served in Ireland during the exacting years of 1919 to 1922. It was rather a nerve-racking service and it seemed to have affected Rees with regard to finance also.

When in Germany he was guilty of two acts of indiscretion which brought his commanding officer's rebuke, and he did not possess the necessary grit to inform his father, who would have advised him to return to the regiment. Rees had been committed for trial at Winchester Assizes on other charges. He had repaid the total defalcation (about £12 16s.) to the battalion. The sentence will be promulgated.

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CHRIST'S TRIAL WAS ILLEGAL.

JUDICIAL STUDY BY LORD SHAW.

A closely-reasoned and dispassionate judicial study of the "Trial of Jesus Christ," by Lord Shaw of Dunfermline, a Lord of Appeal since 1909, forms a remarkable feature of a recent issue of *John O'London's Weekly*.

He points out, in a first article, various illegalities in what he describes as this "death trial," his most dramatic point being the full hours during which it was held. These proceedings, he says, "according to the careful provisions of Hebrew jurisprudence, were illegal from beginning to end, because they were conducted by night."

There was another difficulty, continues Lord Shaw, namely, the difficulty of the count on which the accused man was to be tried.

By the Hebrew law it was undoubtedly the case that it was the witnesses themselves who had to satisfy the court that there was triable matter.

Trouble began. The witnesses agreed not with each other. Let us assume that according to law they were put on oath. It was an adjuration of arresting solemnity.

Forget not, O witness that... in this trial for life, if thou sinest, the blood of the accused and of time shall be imputed unto thee....

It was from the agreed testimony of two witnesses, thus swearing and adjured, that alone a charge against an accused in a criminal trial could spring. There was no such concurrent evidence. It followed inevitably as matter of law that no formulation of a charge was possible.

It is manifest that Caiaphas and the tribunal were conscious of this, and that it was for this cause that he overleaped the legal barrier by a final act of illegality.

Caiaphas took to questioning the accused; and, contrary to Hebrew law, he founded upon the accused's own answers, and there and then he formulated a charge himself—a charge importing death.

There came those questions culminating in "Art thou the Christ, the son of God?" and the supreme hour in Jesus's human life had come. He made the confession and the acknowledgment. It was in accord with his whole teaching.

The High Priest rent his clothes and ended the so-called trial by the declaration that there was no need of further witnesses.

In that sentence he abandoned the humane prescriptions of Hebrew law and the trial plunged on, through informality and illegality, to condemnation, to death.

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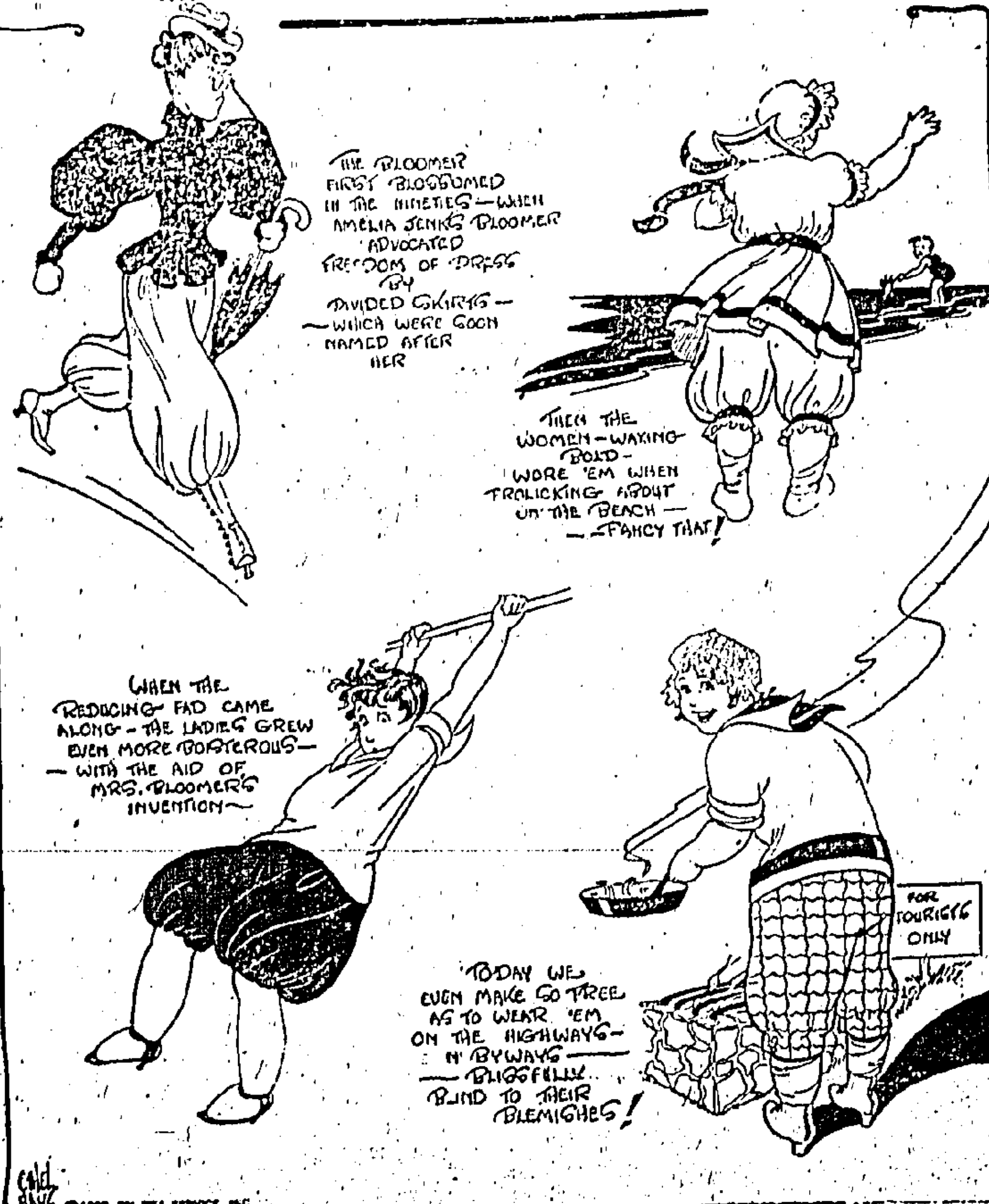
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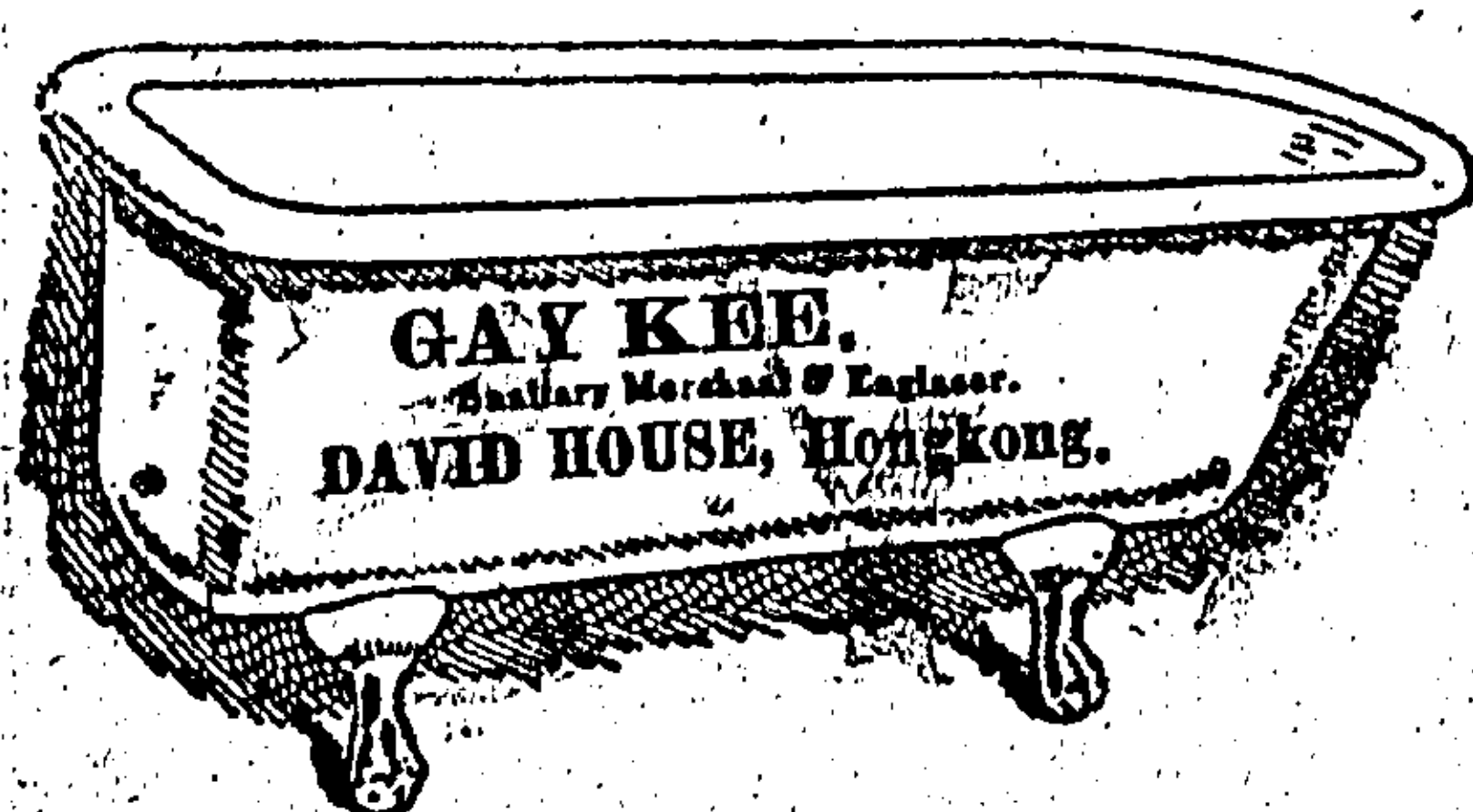
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HOLIDAY CRICKET.

HONGKONG C. C.'s BIG WIN
OVER KOWLOON.

The two-day match between the Hongkong Cricket Club and the Kowloon Cricket Club ended yesterday, the home team winning by an innings and 142 runs.

Having scored 399 runs in their innings on Saturday, the Hongkong C.C. dismissed the whole of the Kowloon side for 141 runs. The Kowloon C.C., following on, were dismissed a second time for 116.

Brace and Ramsey opened for Kowloon yesterday, but the latter was dismissed without scoring. Bruce went on to make 40 before he fell a victim to Wales, whose bowling was the feature of the match. F. Goodwin contributed a useful 45.

In their second effort, Brace was caught when he had scored only 9. E. F. Fincher, by reason of his 40, saved the side from disaster. Ramsey was dismissed a second time for a "duck."

Wales captured seven wickets in each innings. In the first he conceded 49 runs, but in the second he did much better and only gave away 20.

The K. C. C. had a distinct "tail" to the batting, the Fincher brothers and Goodwin, the rest of the team made a poor display.

The full scores of the match are as follows:

Hongkong C. C.

A. W. Hayward, c Hall, b Ross	143
G. P. Lammert, b Ramsey	42
Rev. E. K. Quick, c and b Smith	37
H. Owen Hughes, not out	31
E. J. R. Mitchell, c Brace, b E. F.	11
Fincher, not out	7
E. Duckitt, not out	18
Extras	18
Total (for 4 wks., dec.)	399

J. Bonnar, H. V. Parker, H. L. F. Ewin, C. D. Wales, and G. R. Vallack did not bat.

Bowling Analysis.

	O.	M.	R.	W.
Goodwin	13	3	90	1
Ross	13	1	63	1
Brace	5	—	33	—
Smith	9	—	55	1
Ramsey	9	—	59	1
E. F. Fincher	13	—	47	1
Vedder	6	—	26	—
Silkstone	2	—	8	—

K.C.C.—1st Innings.

W. Brace, b Wales	40
A. W. Ramsey, c Owen Hughes, b Bonnar	0
E. C. Fincher, st Ewin, b Wales	7
E. F. Fincher, b Parker	12
F. Goodwin, c Owen Hughes, b Wales	45
F. S. D. Smith, l.b.w., Wales	1
G. A. V. Hall, l.b.w., Wales	1
S. Jex, b Wales	0
A. E. Silkstone, b Wales	0
N. H. Ross, b Owen Hughes	0
Capt. J. R. Vedder, not out	0
Extras	32
Total	141

Bowling Analysis.

	O.	M.	R.	W.
Bonnar	8	2	18	1
Vallack	6	1	17	1
Parker	10	3	17	1
Wales	15.4	4	49	7
Owen Hughes	6	1	8	1

K. C. C. 2nd Innings.

W. Brace, c Parker, b Owen Hughes	9
Hughes	0
A. W. Ramsey, b Wales	0
E. C. Fincher, c Owen Hughes, b Wales	12
E. F. Fincher, b Vallack	40
G. A. V. Hall, c and b Wales	8
F. Goodwin, b Wales	2
F. S. D. Smith, c Hayward, b Wales	10
Capt. J. R. Vedder, l.b.w., Wales	5
S. Jex, c Owen Hughes, b Parker	2
A. E. Silkstone, c Bonnar, b Wales	0
N. H. Ross, not out	0
Extras	16
Total	116

Bowling Analysis.

	O.	M.	R.	W.
Owen Hughes	14	—	40	1
Wales	17	3	29	7
Bonnar	6	1	16	1
Vallack	2	—	10	1
Parker	3.3	1	6	1

THE SECOND STRINGS.

Kowloon Gain First Innings
Victory Against H.K.C.C.

The match between the Kowloon C. C. seconds and the Hongkong C. C. junior team on the former's ground was continued yesterday, when the visitors secured their win, the hosts having scored 254 runs on Saturday.

The visitors were 64 runs in arrears on the first innings, and Kowloon, going in a second time, put up 117, leaving the Hongkong C. C. with 182 runs to get. At the close of play the score was 104 for the loss of three wickets.

The scores were:

Kowloon C.C.—1st Innings.

N. A. E. Mackay, l.b.w., Stanton	14
A. V. Smith, c Tait, b Reid	10
F. Hambling, b Reid	57
Geo. Lee, c Reid, b Tait	28
A. R. F. Raven, c Remington, b Tait	105
R. E. Lindsay, c Stanton, b Reid	8
J. J. Hirst, run out	18
H. Overy, b Tait	2
D. S. O'Brien, not out	12
F. Gwynne, b Tait	0
O. B. Raven, b Tait	8
Extras	9
Total	254

Bowling Analysis.

	O.	M.	R.	W.
Reid	20	1	78	3
Stanton	15	2	72	1
Tait	15	1	78	6
Bradley	3	—	17	—

Hongkong C.C.—1st Innings.

L. A. R. Duncan, b Overy	18
H. R. Remington, b Leo	0
C. B. West, b Leo	0
C. B. Bradley, b Leo	0
A. Reid, c Raven, b Overy	85
V. W. L. Stanton, c Green, b Overy	0
O. Moor, c Overy	22
W. K. Tait, c and b Leo	38
S. J. Jordan, c Hirst, b Overy	8
T. L. Christian, not out	2
J. E. Hancock, c Raven, b Overy	2
Extras	15
Total	190

Bowling Analysis.

	O.	M.	R.	W.
Leo	25	4	71	4
Raven, A.R.F.	13	5	40	—
Overy	12.1	—	54	6
Mackay	2	—	10	—

Kowloon C.C.—2nd Innings.

Green, b Stanton	33
Mackay, l.b.w., Stanton	16
Hirst, c West, b Bradley	1
A. R. F. Raven, c Moor, b Bradley	0
Hambling, c Reid, b Stanton	0
Lindsay, b Stanton	0
O. B. Raven, run out	1
Lee, not out	41
Smith, b Stanton	0
Smith, b Reid	0
Cavanoy, c West, b Stanton	17
Extras	2
Total	117

Bowling Analysis.

	O.	M.	R.	W.
Hancock	5	—	23	—
Reid	7	1	21	1
Bradley	6	1	32	2
Stanton	7.2	1	22	6
Tait	3	1	6	—

Hongkong C.C.—2nd Innings.

Christian, c Cavanoy, b Leo	14
Stanton, c Smith, b Overy	11
Moor, not out	60
Bradley, b Overy	0
West, not out	16
Extras	4
Total (for 3 wks.)	104

Bowling Analysis.

	O.	M.	R.	W.
Overy	8	1	50	2
Hirst	4	—	24	—
Leo	6	1	26	1

CRAIGENGOWER v. RECREIO

Prolific Scoring in Yesterday's
Friendly Match.

The game between the Craigengower C.C. and the Club de Recreio at Happy Valley ended in a win for Craigengower by four wickets and 10 runs.

Batting first, the Recreio put up a total of 185 runs. H. Alves scored 101 runs before he was caught by Reid off Hamson. H. M. Xavier contributed 45.

The home team replied with 204 runs for the loss of six wickets. E. W. Zimmerman was top scorer with 59, Bradbury coming next with 40.

The bowling on both sides was rather weak, Abbas and Hamson capturing four wickets each for Craigengower, and Guterres accounting for three of Craigengower's six wickets.

The scores were:

Club de Recreio.

H. M. Xavier, c Zimmerman, b Abbas	45
H. A. Alves, c Reid, b Hamson	101
F. H. Carvalho, c Victor, b Abbas	4
D. P. Xavier, b Abbas	17
A. P. Guterres, c Hamson, b Abbas	0
M. F. Pinna, c Lim, b Hamson	8
F. J. Remedios, c Lim, b Hamson	4
D. P. Lopes, b Hamson	0
G. A. Noronha, c Lim, b Oliver	0
C. D'Almada, not out	0
Extras	6
Total (for 3 wks.)	185

Bowling Analysis.

	O.	M.	R.	W.
A. B. Hamson	9.4	—	46	4
F. Oliver	8	3	28	1
S. Abbas	16	4	57	4
F. Abbas	5	1	12	—
B. W. Bradbury	3	1	10	—
R. C. Reid	2	—	14	—
U. M. Omar	0	2	12	—

Craigengower C.C.

H. P. Lim, c Carvalho, b Guterres	39
R. C. Reid, c Noronha, b Guterres	4
E. Zimmerman, b Pinna	59

B. W. Bradbury, c Guterres, b Remedios	46
A. B. Hamson, b Guterres	8
A. Kitchell, b Remedios	13
S. Abbas, not out	12
U. M. Omar, not out	23
Extras	1
Total (for 3 wks.)	204

Y. Abbas, F. Oliver and J. Victor did not bat.

Bowling Analysis.

	O.	M.	R.	W.
D. P. Xavier	6	—	28	—
A. P. Guterres	12	2	48	3
H. V. Alves	3	—	14	—
H. Carvalho	3	—	26	—
M. F. Pinna	6	—	39	1
F. J. Remedios	4	—	48	2

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CHINESE Y.M.C.A.

"BREAKING THE GROUND"
AT KOWLOON.

A stirring address on the aims and objects of the Chinese Y.M.C.A. was given by Dr. David Z. T. Yui, M.A., Litt. D., General Secretary of the National Committee of the Young Men's Christian Association in China and Chairman of the China Group of the Institute of Pacific Relations, yesterday, on the occasion of the "breaking of the ground" for the Kowloon branch of the Chinese Y.M.C.A.

A number of supporters of the institution were present at the site in Waterloo Road yesterday afternoon, when the ceremony was performed by Sir Robert Ho Tung and Mr. Wong Kam-fook. Mr. K. L. Chau, M.A., president, and was supported by Messrs. J. D. Bush, Ng Yue-ut, Cheuk Yan-ko, Chan Tat-sam and Ngan Kwan-yu (directors) and H. A. Wilbur, T. Moffatt, S. K. Ko and Y. H. Tso (secretaries). Others present included Madame Wu Ting-fang, Messrs. Hubert Liang, B. B. Wilcox, Ngan Shing-kwan, Cheng Con-sang, and H. A. Allen; Miss T. H. Shin, Mrs. Y. S. Yung, and Mrs. Ma Wing-chen (representing the Y.W.C.A.); Revs. Cheung Chuk-ling and Tso Shifong, Mr. and Mrs. Lum Chik-sang and Mr. Lam Woo (contractor).

Following the invocation by the Rev. Cheung Chuk-ling, Mr. Y. K. Cheuk gave a brief history of the Kowloon branch of the Y.M.C.A.

The Hongkong Chinese Y.M.C.A. he said, was founded in 1901, but the first building was not completed until 12 years after. This later became the Junior Division and Student Hostel, and cost about \$60,000. The main building was completed in 1918, and consisted of five storeys with a complete equipment for 2,000 members. Together with the land, it is valued at \$200,000.

The Kowloon Scheme.

In 1921 the proposal for a Kowloon branch was studied and approved by the Directors; and a fund was started for this purpose in the following year. There were about 200 members of the organization in Kowloon at that time. A plan to cost \$100,000 for land and building was agreed upon and the Government made available at a low price a piece of land on Waterloo Road. This was purchased by the Association with the condition that a building must be put up in three years. About \$44,000 was raised in that year. Then the seamen's strike seriously affected all business conditions in the Colony and the project was delayed. When the conditions of the Government could not be fulfilled and the land had to be returned, the Government generously returned the money that had been paid for it.

In 1927 the Directors made a new study of the project and revised it in harmony with changed conditions. A portion of the same land was again made available by the Government and a new project for a Branch to cost about \$50,000, was inaugurated. In the membership campaign for 1928 the

U.S. MILLIONAIRES.

LAST YEAR'S NUMBER
CREATE A NEW RECORD.

Washington, Nov. 12.
The prosperity of the United States is illustrated by the fact that 283 persons are reported to have incomes of one million dollars or more a year, on which income tax was paid in 1927.

This is the highest on record, and 52 more than 1926, but the number of incomes of five million dollars or more a year has dropped from 14 in 1926 to 10 in 1927. —Reuter's American Service.

need of the Kowloon Branch was brought to the Directors repeatedly. New building plans were developed for a first unit of this branch.

On November 1, 1928 the contract was signed for this Branch and it was decided to have the ceremony of breaking the ground on the Anniversary holiday. It happened fortunately that the National Secretary of the Y.M.C.A. of China, David Z. T. Yui, Litt. D., was visiting the Hongkong Y.M.C.A. and would be available for the ceremony.

It is expected that the new building will be completed by September 1, 1929, and will be available for the members of the Chinese Y.M.C.A. in Kowloon and for the community in the neighbourhood of Yau-mat. It is necessary to provide about \$13,500 additional to complete and equip this building.

Building Statement.

Cost of land	\$15,000
Building	40,000
Equipment	5,000
Total	\$60,000
Subscriptions paid	42,500
Contributions due	4,000
Additional needed	13,500
Total	\$60,000

Dr. Yui's Address.

Sir Robert Ho Tung then carried a pick and Mr. Wong Kam-fook a shovel to a spot indicated by Mr. Lam Woo and there broke the ground.

Dr. Yui, addressing the gathering said that everything had changed during the past several years, and in China conditions had also altered. The Chinese were now entering into a period of reconstruction. What was proposed to reconstruct was a new China. When a country was in a dangerous condition, character was one of the elements which went to save that country. It was now desired to use character to reconstruct China. The brief mission of the Y.M.C.A. was to build China on a foundation of character.

Dr. Yui then elaborated upon the importance of character in the lives of young men and boys. The Y.M.C.A. to-day stands for character building, he declared.

The second thing was the training of citizens. In this period of reconstruction the Y.M.C.A. was in a democratic world. The citizens should have a different attitude towards the Government.

BIG LAND DEAL.

RUSSO-ASIATIC BUILDING
SOLD FOR TIS. 1,400,000.

Shanghai, Nov. 12.
The Russo-Asiatic Bank building on the Bund has been sold by the liquidators to the Central Bank of China for Taels 1,400,000, following negotiations between Mr. T. V. Soong and the Customs, which held the title deeds of the property.

The Customs which had a credit at the Russo-Asiatic Bank of nearly Taels 1,036,000, detained the title deeds on the ground of having a lien on the property. Mr. T. V. Soong arranged with the Customs to reduce the claim to eighty per cent. upon which the title deeds would be restored to the owner. The sale of the property benefits the creditors of the Russo-Asiatic Bank to the extent of Taels 581,000. It is learned that the liquidators will dispose of this amount by declaring a new dividend to creditors of all the branches under their control. —Reuter.

They should appreciate their responsibilities and duties towards their Government.

The third contribution of the Y.M.C.A. towards the reconstruction of a new China was to promote international understanding and goodwill. Numerous problems existed to-day between China and the foreign nations. There were two ways of solving these problems. The first was by force, but Dr. Yui overruled this method of solution of any of China's problems by referring to the World War. He asked what this had done to solve international problems.

"Since we cannot solve them by force we must solve them by understanding and goodwill," he continued. One of the contributions of the Y.M.C.A. was to bring about a better understanding between China and the foreign nations.

Dr. Yui congratulated the Kowloon Branch on behalf of the National Committee in Shanghai. He further expressed the appreciation of the Association to the many friends who had assisted in the erection of a building in Kowloon possible. He asked those who had contributed towards the establishment of a branch of the Young Men's Christian Association in Kowloon to continue with their assistance and co-operation in the future.

The chairman expressed the appreciation of the directors of the Y.M.C.A. to Dr. Yui for speaking at the ceremony, the guests for their attendance, and those who donated money towards the building fund.

The pronouncement of the benediction by the Rev. Tso Shi-fong concluded the ceremony.

The assembly then adjourned to the European Y.M.C.A., where Mr. J. H. Hunt, on behalf of the directors of that institution, entertained the guests to tea.

Mr. Chau expressed the appreciation of the Chinese Y.M.C.A. to the European Y.M.C.A. for their hospitality and consideration. He hoped that this was the beginning of a closer relationship between the European "Y" and the Chinese "Y" (applause).

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This afternoon His Excellency the Officer Administering the Government, the Hon. Mr. W. T. Southern, C. M. G., will lay the foundation stone of a new Hostel for University students. The site is the old Fly Point Battery, a prominent spur on the right of Pokfulam Road just beyond the Ho Tung Workshop.

The name of the hostel is Ricci (pronounced as Ritchie) Hall. Behind this new growth for the University is the Catholic body known as the Society of Jesus, who are undertaking it at the wish of Bishop Valterra. This, indeed, explains the name which commemorates a very remarkable man, the first great missionary to China of the modern period—post-Renaissance period.

Fr. Ricci, S.J., entered China from Macao in 1582 and, in a series of "trips" (Shu Hing on the West River, Shichow, Nanchang, Nanking and so on) succeeded in reaching Peking, where he firmly established himself in 1601. He was a man of extraordinary linguistic and scientific ability and, in his twenty-seven years of life in China, exerted an unparalleled influence on the attitude of the learned men of China towards Western culture. His capability, his humanity and his

HIGHWAY ROBBERY.

NIGHT-TIME OUTRAGE IN PRINCE EDWARD ROAD.

Four robbers, armed with daggers, attacked a young Chinese clerk yesterday morning about two o'clock, whilst the latter was in a ricksha on his way back to Kowloon Tong, passing along Prince Edward Road in the vicinity of the No. 7 Railway Bridge.

The outrage was carried out very brazenly the four desperadoes dragging their victim from the vehicle, one of them wounding him in the face with a dagger.

A search of the clerk followed, and the four men made good their escape with \$38 in money, a silver wrist watch, worth \$10, and a gold ring valued at \$5. When the thieves decamped they headed for Shumshulpo.

The victim returned to his house No 167, Kowloon Tong, where he had his wound attended to before reporting the incident at the Mongkoktsui police station.

The plans have been designed by Messrs. Little, Adams and Wood, and the construction work is in the hands of Messrs. Lam Woo.

piety were not less appreciated than his mathematical and scientific learning.

ETNA ERUPTION.

VILLAGERS IN DESPAIR AS VOLCANO PERSISTS.

Catania, Nov. 12. Five thousand refugees have flocked to Giarrè and Riposto. The last named place is without light and water except for water brought by railway and boat.

The second phase of the eruption has been followed by redoubled religious fervour on the part of the inhabitants who are taking part in processions and holding up miraculous relics invoking saintly intercession. At an awe-inspiring midnight service, to which the light of torches added to the reflection of the molten lava, hundreds knelt on the ground praying aloud amid the clouds of incandescent ashes. A monument of the Madonna was brought forth and hoisted facing the volcano, until a recrudescence of the eruption necessitated the statue being loaded on a lorry and hurried off to escape destruction.—*Reuter.*

A Better Outlook.

Rome, Nov. 12.

Etna's activity is decreasing. The flow of lava is diminishing in speed, and it is no longer spreading.—*Reuter.*

FRENCH POLITICS.

RADICALS LEFT OUT.

Paris, Nov. 12. The Cabinet presented by the President is as forecast, excluding the Radical Socialists, M. Herriot, Sarraut, Queuille and Perrier and including nine old Ministers, among whom M. Briand will be Minister for Foreign Affairs. M. Poincaré's decision to take the Premiership without portfolio leaves his hands free to deal *inter alia* with the revision of the Dawes plan.

Press Comments.

Later.

M. Poincaré's new Cabinet is approved by the newspapers of the Right and Centre, and attacked by Leftist journals.

Le Journal (Republican) quotes M. Poincaré as hoping the new Cabinet will represent an armistice of all parties. *The Echo de Paris* (Conservative) declares M. Poincaré is assured of a majority in Parliament, which *Le Matin* estimates to be 350 out of 600.

The Eve Nouvelle (Radical) calls the parties of the Left to unite "to break the clerical offensive."

The Homme Libre (Radical) is of opinion that the Radicals have emerged all the greater from the struggle.

The new Cabinet are all experienced administrators, the only newcomer to politics being M. Martin (posts and Telegraphs) who was returned at the last election. He has a great reputation as a scientist and economist.

Radicals May Split.

M. Poincaré's is a great feat in forming a strong Cabinet based on the Centre, extending well to the Left and Right.

After the refusal of the Radicals to co-operate, he included three new members of the Republican Socialist party (who are part of the Left), to whom M. Briand and M. Painlevé belong, and thus placed the Radicals in a difficult position; and the right wing Radicals may be expected to vote with the Government generally, conceivably leading to a split in the Radicals' ranks.—*Reuter.*

LOCAL ARMISTICE DINNER.

(Continued from Page 2.)

President's Reply.

Replying, Captain Laurensen said:—Your Excellency and Gentlemen, looking around at this great and distinguished gathering, our Association feels justly proud of the way in which it has been honoured to-night, and it is our hope that as long as my gallant friends consider it a need to have in this Colony an Association of this kind, so long will it be so honoured.

Since the last Armistice dinner of this Association, Colonel Hayley Bell, D.S.O., the late President, has taken home leave and we wish him a very joyful holiday, and a speedy return; his great interest in the welfare of the Ex-Active Service men is well known and we feel that we have lost for the time being at any rate, a good friend and worthy leader.

It was with very great regret indeed that we were called upon to accept the resignation of Mr. R. J. Hunt, our honorary secretary, an indefatigable worker for the Association. He never tired in the work he was called upon to do and a devoted Ex-Service man will recall with feeling the kindly spirit of our friend. I am sorry to say that to-day Mr. Hunt is in hospital suffering from a bad attack of pneumonia, but I am glad to be able to tell you that he is now progressing favourably and when his recovery is complete he will take up his new office of Vice-Chairman.

We desire to thank the British Legion for their kindly co-operation with us, in assisting those who have been less fortunate than ourselves and have required a helping hand to assist them along.

We also thank and appreciate the kindness of, as an Association, have received from Messrs. Jardine Matheson and Co., and Messrs. Butterfield and Swire. These firms have never failed to do what they could with regard to giving free passages and sound advice regarding conditions elsewhere in the interests of Ex-Service men.

Our solicitors, Messrs. Deacons, to whom we are more than grateful, will, I trust, accept our sincere thanks for the patient way they have listened to our several calls for advice, which has always been given willingly and cheerfully.

Our treasurers, Messrs. Percy Smith, Seth and Fleming, have undertaken much work for us and I am sure there is no member of our committee who does not, in some way, understand how helpful they are to us, and we would like them, to accept this expression of our gratitude.

To Messrs. Linstead and Davies, our auditors, we offer our very sincere thanks for all they have done in our interests. It has been no easy matter to audit our accounts in the past and this is no reflection on our worthy treasurers, but we think with the system now adopted by the committee the financial position of the Association will be greatly improved and the work of the auditors less difficult.

The calls for relief are becoming fewer but I think there will be help required in this direction for a few years yet to come. We can never forget the wants of those who were one with us in that great adventure and as they helped us then so it is our duty to help them now if they stand in need.

"With malice toward none, with charity for all, with firm-

ARMISTICE DAY.

WAR MEMORIES RECALLED AND BROADCAST.

London, Nov. 12.

The Armistice Day celebrations were crowned with a "remembrance service" at the Albert Hall, attended by Their Majesties the King and Queen and the Duke and Duchess of York.

The Hall was decorated with a huge Union Jack and an improvised trench running to the centre "dug out," erected on the stage, which was "occupied" by a detachment of London Scottish. "Hymns," including "Tipperary" and "Keep the Home Fires Burning" were sung fervently and re-echoed in homes throughout the country where the proceedings were broadcast by wireless. The service was punctuated by war time catchwords shouted from one side of the Hall to the other, as for example, "Are we overhearted?" to which came the thunderous response "No."—*Reuter.*

"A Fitting Climax."

New York, Nov. 12.

Mr. Coolidge's address at Washington yesterday evening was a fitting climax to the Armistice Day celebrations, which were observed with more than usual solemnity all over the country.

The tomb of the Unknown Soldier was the Mecca for multitudes all day long, and it was completely buried in wreaths, including those of the British Embassy and Toc H. The two minutes' silence was observed everywhere, including the churches, where special services were held.

Mr. Coolidge's and Mr. Kellogg's addresses were broadcast by wireless all over the country.—*Reuter's American Service.*

Japanese Comment.

Kyoto, Nov. 12.

The Vice-Minister of the Navy, speaking to the Press regarding Mr. Coolidge's Armistice speech, said he saw no reason to criticize it or to alter Japan's building programme, as America would be within her rights if she decided to build more cruisers.

He added that the speech causes no surprise, as it merely reiterates the views expressed at Geneva.—*Reuter.*

The British View.

London, Nov. 12.

Well-informed British quarters regard Mr. Coolidge's address as satisfactory, showing a recognition of the essential differences in the problems of the United States and Europe, and everyone's right of self defence; also showing a desire by the United States to co-operate in this world problem, while recognizing that it presents itself in different forms to different countries.—*Reuter.*

ness in the right as God gives us to see the right, let us strive on and finish the work we are in."

The speaker also thanked the K.O.S.B. band for their attendance on a number of occasions and expressed their appreciation to Pipe Major Mackie, who is leaving for Home to-day, for his assistance as a piper.

A silent toast to the late Sir Paul Chater, proposed by the chairman was then honoured.

Those taking part in the concert were Mr. Patterson, Mr. Green, Mr. Shillington, Mr. Jeffery, Mr. Ogden and Mr. Watts, while a number of extremely funny items were rendered by "Thracian."

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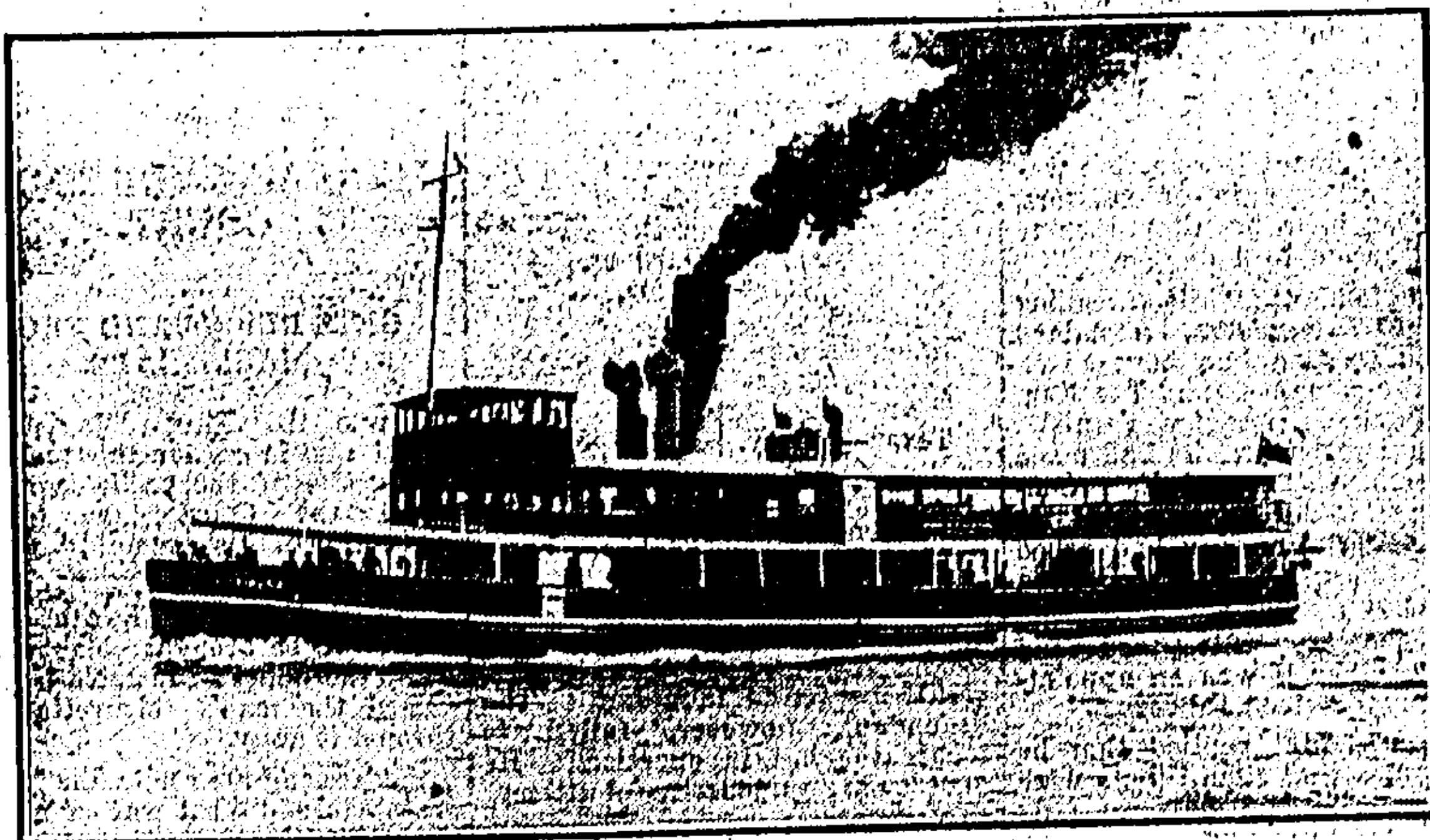
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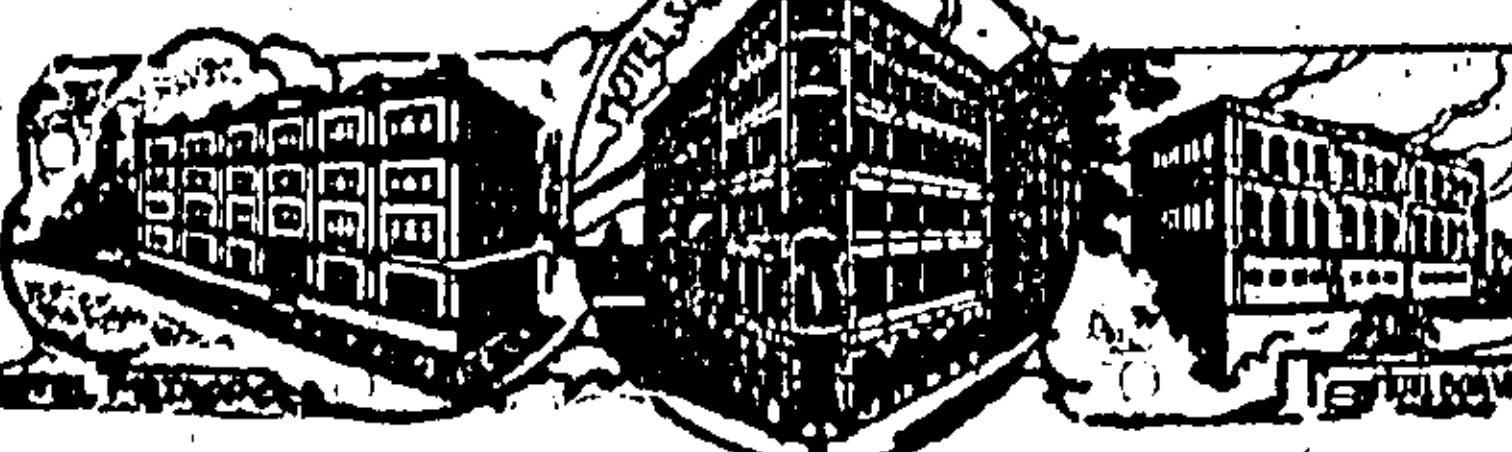
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CHINESE AERIAL TRIP.

SUCCESSFUL FLIGHT FROM
CANTON TO HANKOW.

FIRST STAGE DONE.

The first stage of the Chinese long-distance flight from Canton to Peking and back has been successfully completed, according to advices received by Mr. R. Vaughan Fowler, the airman having reached Hankow at 4.30 p.m. on Sunday. This means that the distance of 550 miles was covered in seven and a quarter hours, which must be regarded as extremely satisfactory, seeing that notes were taken en route regarding the condition of the country.

General Cheung Wai-cheung, the chief of the Canton Aviation Bureau, is piloting the "Ryan" machine which is on this flight. The route to be followed now is from Hankow to Nanking, thence to Peking. The return trip will be made in two stages via Shanghai.

From Nanking to Peking is 575 miles, and then on the next day there will be 675 miles to cover from Peking to Shanghai on the return journey. The airman will probably have a rest in Shanghai before making the longest flight of the trip, 760 miles, to Canton.

It is possible that after returning, the "Ryan" will be flown to Hongkong.

INDUSTRIAL WAR IN GERMANY.

DUISBURG COURT UPHOLDS
STEEL "BARONS."

ARBITRATOR'S AWARD.

Berlin, Nov. 12. The struggle between the iron and steel "barons" and the workers, supported by the Ministry of Labour, has been greatly complicated by a decision of the Industrial Court at Duisburg, which as the result of an appeal by the employers has ruled that no tariff agreement existed in accordance with the award of the Official Arbitrator.

By this finding, the Court declared that the Arbitrator's Award was illegal.

The award was made a fortnight ago, granting a wage increase to employees, ranging from two to six pfennigs per hour. The Ruhr industrialists refused to accept the award and have opened hostilities in a big industrial war by locking-out 200,000 workers, declaring that they would rather close down than pay.

A lock-out in Germany is illegal, and the industrialists can be sued for compensation for wages lost.

The decision of the Duisburg Court has created considerable surprise, but the Ministry of Labour is not allowing the matter to rest there, an appeal having been lodged with the Supreme Industrial Court at Leipzig against the Duisburg verdict.—*Reuter*.

ROBBERY LEGAL IN CHINA?

MAGISTRATE'S QUERY IN
COURT.

Following the receipt of information, the police raided an address in Shaikwan, where they arrested a man, who was this morning brought before Mr. R. E. Lindsell and charged with possession of an implement fit for an unlawful purpose. He was sentenced to three months' hard labour.

The instrument in question was a blade of a pair of scissors, which had been so altered as to make it resemble a dagger.

The defendant, while pleading guilty to possession, explained that the weapon had been given to him by a man named Tse Kau. He had no idea that it was unlawful to possess it and he had made no attempt to conceal it. Continuing, the defendant told his Worship that Tse Kau had asked him to wait at the Police Station for him at 7 o'clock.

His Worship interposed and asked whether it was an appointment for an armed robbery.

The defendant replied that he had no idea that such things were illegal, as he had only recently arrived at Hongkong.

His Worship:—Is it not illegal to rob in China, then?

The police stated that the defendant had been given every opportunity to find Tse Kau. He led the authorities to Kowloon Tong where he said Tse Kau

HOOVER VICTORY ANALYSED.

WORKING MAJORITY IN
CONGRESS.

POPULAR VOTE MAJORITY OF
FIVE MILLIONS.

GOVERNOR RESULTS.

Washington, Nov. 8. Scattered additional returns tonight from 21 States gave Hoover a popular vote of 19,376,449 and Smith 13,717,604.

New York, Nov. 8. Almost complete Congressional returns to-day showed not only Hoover's gains of six and probably seven seats in the Senate and of more than twenty in the House.

Working Majorities.

This will give Hoover working majorities in both branches of Congress, replacing an almost equal party division in the Senate and a Republican majority of only 38 in the House.

The upsets involved few leaders in either branch and will cause little difficulty in the organization of the new Congress which takes office after March 4.

The Senate Republicans, however, must find a new leader, since Senator Curtis has been elected Vice President. Names suggested include Moses, Watson, Reed of Pennsylvania, Jones of Washington, and Edge, but the selection is not expected for weeks. Senator Curtis has not indicated whether he will continue in his senatorial post during the forthcoming short session.

Seven Seats Captured.

To break up the closely divided Senate the Republicans held all of their 18 seats which were at stake and captured six now held by Democrats. Returns to-day indicated that a seventh Democratic seat would be lost. Senator Neely, of West Virginia, was trailing the Republican candidate, Henry Hatfield.

While Hoover broke the Democratic South, the Democrats there held most of their congressional representation. Only Virginia and North Carolina wavered in this respect. Kentucky, which went overwhelmingly Hoover, replaced six Democratic House members with Republicans, accounting for most of the gain made by the Republicans in the House.

Other Results.

Virginia, for the first time in years, will have three Republican House members, with the tenth district still doubtful. North Carolina elected one Republican to the House and several districts have reported close contests.

Despite the Republican sweep, three Democrats in the North replaced Republicans. Louis Ludlow, an Indiana newspaperman, defeated Representative Updike; Jeremiah O'Connell defeated Representative Monast of Rhode Island, and Joe Smith defeated Representative England of West Virginia.

The Governorships.

With there being in only one or two cases sufficient outstanding votes to change the result, the following candidates for Governorships, on the basis of returns tabulated to-day, were successful in yesterday's election:

Arizona—Phillips.
Arkansas—Parnell.
Colorado—Adams.
Connecticut—Trumbull.
Delaware—Buck.
Florida—Carrion.
Georgia—Hardman.
Idaho—Buldrige.
Illinois—Emerson.
Indiana—Leslie.
Iowa—Hammill.
Kansas—Reed.
Massachusetts—Allen.
Michigan—Reed.
Minnesota—Christianson.
Missouri—Caulfield.
Montana—Erickson.
Nebraska—Weaver.
New Hampshire—Tobey.
New Jersey—Larson.
New Mexico—Dillon.
New York—Roosevelt.
North Carolina—Gardner.
North Dakota—Shafer.
Ohio—Cooper.
Rhode Island—Case.
South Dakota—Bulow.
Tennessee—Horton.
Texas—Moody.
Utah—Deeds.
Vermont—Weeks.
Washington—Bartley.
West Virginia—Conley.
Wisconsin—Kohler.

would be found in a hut. The defendant, however, failed to locate the hut in question. He also made an unsuccessful attempt to escape.

The Magistrate enquired if there was anything to connect the defendant with a recent highway robbery at Kowloon Tong.

The police replied that that was unlikely. The victim in that robbery had been stabbed with a blunt instrument.

PEACE OF CANTON ASSURED?

NO TROOPS TO BE USED AS
CITY GARRISON.

DISBANDMENT PLANS.

Canton, Nov. 12.

In compliance with the disarmament scheme propounded by the military experts at Nanking, the administration at Canton is contemplating the demobilisation of troops on a large scale in the near future.

Among the establishments which will be the first to go is the Garrison Headquarters in the centre of the city. Troops were drafted into the city originally with the object of combating Communist activities, and it is now believed that these are under effective control.

Raid on Communist haunts have been less fruitful in recent weeks, and there is no longer reason to fear an outbreak similar to that which disrupted the city in December last year.

Marshal Li Chai-sum's troops are also to be re-organised, those retained being given the title of National Defence Troops of Kwangtung.

When the scheme has been completed, the responsibility of maintaining peace and order will be in the hands of the Canton Police Force alone directed by the Public Safety Bureau.

ATHLETIC CHINESE GIRL.

DRAGS TWO LOAFERS TO
POLICE STATION.

SHANGHAI INCIDENT.

Shanghai, Nov. 6.

Police of the Fourth District station of Chapei were startled yesterday when an athletic-looking young Chinese girl in foreign clothing dragged two crestfallen and disheartened Chinese would-be robbers into the station.

The girl was Miss Liang Ying-tze, formerly of Syracuse, New York, and now of Canton, who is visiting Shanghai. Miss Liang is a graduate of the University of New York, where she won laurels as a basketball player, fencer, and boxer.

Shortly after 10 o'clock yesterday morning Miss Liang was walking along Kung Woo Sing Road, Chapei, when a member of a gang of street corner loafers stopped her and insolently asked if she had a match.

"I have no matches; I am a lady," Miss Liang replied. At the same time she indignantly informed the loafer that she would punish him promptly if he further molested her.

The loafer was doubtful—and said so. Other loafers guffawed loudly, but not for long.

Miss Liang swung an athletic arm and her clenched fist caught the loafer on the point of the jaw. He went down. The other loafers rallied to the aid of their companion and the battle was on.

It waxed merrily for several minutes, during which Miss Liang was robbed of her earrings and finger rings, but managed to cling to two of the loafers and drag them to the police station, despite their frantic struggles.

Things might have gone badly for Miss Liang had not a number of neighbours appeared on the scene. The loafers fled, leaving two of their number to carry on the struggles.

They carried it on, but unsuccessfully.

COOLIE SMOKES IN COURT.

GETS REPRIMAND FROM
MAGISTRATE.

While the First Magistrate's Court was in session this morning, a Chinese of the coolie type, entered the Court, and, with a cigarette in his mouth, walked coolly across the Court.

Mr. R. E. Lindsell caused the coolie to be brought before him, after the Court's constable had obtained the man's cigarette and thrown it away.

Addressing the coolie, the Magistrate said:—"What sort of a place do you think this is that you come wandering through with a smile on your face and a cigarette in your mouth? Is it a theatre?"

On the coolie making no reply, his Worship, after warning him to be more careful in future, allowed him to go.

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